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INTRODUCTION

For some forty years, I have collected copies of patriarchal blessings given to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the present compilation, I gather blessings given by Joseph Smith Sr. (1771–1840), William Smith (1811–93), and to a lesser extent Hyrum Smith (1800–44), each of whom was ordained to the hereditary office of presiding LDS Church Patriarch (1833/1834, 1840, and 1845, respectively). I also include some blessings by Joseph Smith Jr. (1805–44), Oliver Cowdery (1806–50), and one by John Smith (1781–1854). I hope that students and scholars of LDS Church history, as well as family historians and genealogists, will find herein much that is of interest.

In the LDS Church, a patriarchal blessing is a fatherly blessing pronounced by an ordained patriarch (an office in the Church’s lay Melchizedek priesthood) upon the recipient. The Bible describes the Old Testament patriarch Jacob (Israel) blessing his twelve sons regarding their futures (see Gen. 49). In LDS practice, which partakes of Old Testament precedents, the blessing is usually pronounced as the patriarch rests his hands upon the individual’s head. The patriarch then describes the individual’s character, enumerates various kinds of blessings and warnings, and envisions the recipient’s future prospects. In most cases, a patriarchal blessing identifies the recipient’s lineage as a member of one of the twelve tribes of Israel, and thus as heir to the blessings Israel bestowed upon his sons. The promises contained in one’s patriarchal blessings are said to be contingent upon the person’s worthiness and obedience. Some non-LDS Church members have received patriarchal blessings, but this is not common.¹

My reason for presenting the complete texts of over 700 early patriarchal blessings results from a desire to aid those who are engaged in the study of the history and doctrine of the LDS Church, and also to benefit the work of family historians and biographers.² I begin with blessings given by Church founder Joseph Smith Jr. to his family and close associates on December 18, 1833. Contemporary copies of these earliest blessings were recorded in Joseph Smith Jr.’s journal. When they were subsequently recopied into an official Church record book nearly two years later in the fall of 1835 (which is my source for them), their contents were modified and updated. I next present blessings given by Joseph Smith Sr. which reflect his understanding of LDS Church doctrine at the time he pronounced them. With his father’s death, Hyrum Smith gave patriarchal blessings until his assassination in June 1844. William Smith’s patriarchal ministry ended in October 1845, four months after his ordination, when he was expelled from the LDS Church.

1. For more on LDS patriarchs and patriarchal blessings, see Irene M. Bates, “Patriarchal Blessings and the Routinization of Charisma,” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 26 (Fall 1993): 1–29; and Irene M. Bates and E. Gary Smith, *Lost Legacy: The Mormon Office of Presiding Patriarch* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1996).

2. As Bates notes: “The idea that patriarchal blessings are too ‘sacred’ to be shared is a relatively recent one. In the early days of the church such blessings were bestowed at ‘blessing meetings’ where all might hear and appreciate them” (“Patriarchal Blessings,” 1–2 note 3).

What follows is a brief introduction to the early history of the office of Church Patriarch and to the first blessing book in which Joseph Smith Sr.'s blessings were recorded. That copies and, in some instances, originals of these early patriarchal blessings have been preserved is a credit to the recipients, their families, and LDS Church institutions and public repositories. These latter include: Chicago Historical Society, Illinois; Community of Christ (formerly Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints), Independence, Missouri; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah; Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah; Kirtland Historic Center, Community of Christ, Kirtland, Ohio; State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison; and Utah State Historical Society, Salt Lake City.

Joseph Smith Sr.

(July 12, 1771–September 14, 1840;

Ordained Patriarch December 18, 1833, or December 6, 1834)

During a February 19, 1834, meeting of the Stake High Council in Kirtland, Ohio, Joseph Smith Sr. blessed his sons Joseph Jr. and Samuel Harrison. Then John Johnson Sr. blessed his son Luke.³ Almost five months later, during the organization of a high council in Clay County, Missouri, on July 7, 1834, Peter Whitmer Sr. “came forward and blessed three of his sons in the name of the Lord Viz: David, John & Christian Whitmer.” He was followed by Joseph Knight Sr. who “blessed his son Newel Knight in the name of the Lord.”⁴ The next year, LDS Church President Joseph Smith Jr. instructed members of the newly formed Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: “It is the duty of the twelve in all large branches of the church, to ordain evangelical ministers, as they shall be designated unto them by revelation. The order of this priesthood was confirmed to be handed down from father to son, and rightly belongs to the literal descendants of the chosen seed, to whom the promises were made.”⁵ It was understood that “evangelical ministers” referred to patriarchs.⁶

In September 1835, Oliver Cowdery, an assistant to Joseph Smith Jr., commented as he prepared to copy the blessings Joseph Jr. had bestowed nearly two years earlier on December 18, 1833: “Let it suffice, that others had authority to bless, but after these blessings were given, of which I am about to write, Joseph Smith, Sen. was ordained a president and patriarch, under the hands of his son Joseph, myself, Sidney Rigdon, and Frederick G. Williams, presidents of the church.”⁷ Cowdery’s statement has been traditionally interpreted to mean that Joseph Smith Sr. was ordained a patriarch on December 18, 1833.⁸ I believe that a

3. Kirtland Council Minute Book, 37, Archives, Family and Church History Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, hereafter LDS Archives; and Joseph Smith Jr. et al., *History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Period 1*, Brigham H. Roberts, ed., revised and enlarged, 6 vols. (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1978), 2:32, hereafter *History of the Church*.

4. Donald Q. Cannon and Lyndon W. Cook, eds., *Far West Record: Minutes of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 1830-1844* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1983), 72; and *History of the Church*, 2:124.

5. H. Michael Marquardt, *The Joseph Smith Revelations: Text and Commentary* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1999), 269, April [28–30] 1835. See *The Doctrine and Covenants of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (Salt Lake City: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1981)—hereafter LDS D&C—section 107:39–40; and *Book of Doctrine and Covenants* (Independence, MO: Herald Publishing House, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1990), RLDS D&C 104:17–18. Copies of the 1835 *Doctrine and Covenants* were available in September 1835.

6. See “The Ancient Order of Things,” *Latter Day Saints’ Messenger and Advocate* 1 (Sept. 1835): 185, Kirtland, Ohio. Stephen Post wrote: “Last Saturday [March 26, 1836] I received my patriarchal blessing under the hands of Joseph Smith Sen Patriarch & Evangelist” (Stephen Post, Journal, March 28, 1836, LDS Archives).

7. Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:9, LDS Archives.

8. George A. Smith, in the Addenda to Manuscript History Book C-1, wrote that Joseph Sr. “was ordained

compelling argument may be made that Joseph Sr.'s ordination as patriarch occurred after the Church changed its name—from the Church of Christ to the Church of the Latter Day Saints—at or near the time Joseph Sr. was ordained assistant president or president in the First Presidency, which ordination took place on December 6, 1834 “under the hands of President [Sidney] Rigdon [a counselor to Joseph Smith Jr.].”⁹ Though no contemporary record exists to substantiate the sixty-three-year-old's ordination as patriarch on this day (or, for that matter, on December 18, 1833), Joseph Sr.'s ordination as patriarch no doubt occurred before he formally blessed his family on December 9, 1834.

Regarding the history of the book in which are recorded Joseph Smith Sr.'s first patriarchal blessings, George A. Smith, LDS Church Historian, wrote in 1859:

“The book of Patriarchal Blessings” by Joseph Smith Sen., was purchased by a contribution of the Saints in Kirtland [Ohio], in the latter part of the year 1834. A considerable number of blessings which were given by that Patriarch, were not recorded, through the negligence of the Scribes.

About the time the Patriarch, Joseph Smith Sen., left Kirtland, Cyrus Smalling, an apostate, stole the record, and retained it about 2 years, when it was purchased from him by Elder Oliver Granger, an agent of the church, just previous to Elder Granger's death [on August 27, 1841]; after which it fell into the hands of Gilbert Granger, son of Oliver, who claimed it as his private property, and sent it to Nauvoo [Illinois], to the care of Hiram Kimball Esq., authorizing him to sell it to the church. Pres. Joseph Smith learning the whereabouts of the record, recovered it, by a writ of replevin, and placed it in the church Historian and Recorder's office. The binding being worn and damaged, and nearly two thirds of the Record being blank, the book was taken apart, and that part containing the Patriarchal Blessings was re-bound, and the blank two thirds was re-bound and forms Book B1, “history of Joseph Smith.”

In 1845, William Smith, Patriarch, borrowed his Father's Patriarchal Record from the Historian's office, and left Nauvoo without returning it.

In 1850, William Smith, then residing with Isaac Sheen, [in] Covington, Kentucky, in consequence of a serious misunderstanding which suddenly arose between him and Sheen; which resulted in William's leaving Covington in too great a hurry to take the Record with him; Sheen retained it, and subsequently placed it in charge of A[lmon]. W. Babbitt, his wife's brother, with instructions to sell it to the church for \$3000, if he could, but not to take less than \$500.

In 1854, A. W. Babbitt suggested to the Historian [i.e., George A. Smith] that the Record could be procured, if enough was proffered for it. After Babbitt's death [on September 7, 1856] his administrators found the Record among his effects, upon which Benjamin F. Johnson, one of the administrators, took possession of it, knowing that it belonged to the church; and on the 31st. of January 1859, Geo. A. Smith went to Santa Quin [Utah], Johnson's residence, and that evening B. F. Johnson delivered it to him, who deposited it with the church Patriarchal Records on the evening of his return to Great Salt Lake city, February 11, 1859.¹⁰

About the same time as Joseph Smith Sr.'s record book was purchased in 1835, the Kirtland Stake High Council considered Joseph Sr.'s possible remuneration as patriarch. According to the council's minutes for September 14, 1835:

It was decided that as the laborer is worthy of his hire whomever President Joseph Smith Senr. is

Patriarch and President of the High Priesthood ... on the 18th of Decr. 1833” (Book C-1, Addenda, 20, for Sept. 14, 1840, LDS Archives; in *History of the Church*, 4:190).

9. Dean C. Jessee, ed., *The Papers of Joseph Smith: Autobiographical and Historical Writings* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1989), 1:25.

10. This history is found at the beginning of Patriarchal Blessing Book 1. The record book is titled “The Book of Patriarchal Blessings 1834.” George A. Smith and Wilford Woodruff both signed the history.

called upon to pronounce patriarchal blessings upon the church he be paid for his time at the rate of ten dollars per week, and his expenses found. It was further decided that President Frederick G. Williams be appointed and hereafter serve as scribe to attend blessing meetings, and that he receive for his service at the same ratio, having his expenses borne also.¹¹

On September 16, 1835, during another Kirtland High Council meeting, some members, who had seen the record book, thought at twelve dollars it had cost too much. Oliver Cowdery responded that “the Book was purchased as cheap as it could be and was actually worth what was given for it.”¹² The first eight pages of the book contain copies of the blessings Joseph Sr. had originally pronounced upon family members and spouses the previous year on December 9, 1834. These were recopied into the new record book in September 1835 by Cowdery who mistakenly entered the date “December 9, 1835”¹³ as he copied Katherine Smith Salisbury’s blessing. The year for Salisbury’s blessing should have been 1834. The next blessings Cowdery recorded are those of Don Carlos and Agnes Smith given on September 15, 1835. Cowdery wrote on October 7, 1835, of blessings given before August 27, 1835, but not recorded until later: “but the book not being obtained until a few weeks since.”¹⁴ This confirms that Joseph Smith Sr.’s record book was purchased during the first half of September 1835.

In 1843, in Nauvoo, Illinois, Jonathan H. Holmes signed an affidavit stating: “Somewhere about five years ago, more or less, Say in August 1837, one Cyrus Smalling and others, took from the possession of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later day Saints, in Kirtland[,] Ohio, a large Book called the ‘blessing book,’ therein the care and hands of Joseph Smith [Senior], and that he or they have from that time kept said Book concealed. and that he verily believes the said Book is now concealed in the house of Hiram Kimball in this city and saith no furthe[r].”¹⁵ Joseph Sr.’s blessing book was retrieved on February 7, 1843, when Willard Richards recorded: “the book [was] obtained when Hiram Kimball came to Joseph [Smith’s] & heard a general expose of the frauding of Oliver Granger.”¹⁶

As George A. Smith’s later account states, shortly after Joseph Smith Jr. retrieved his father’s record book, it was disbound. The portion containing the blessings was then rebound, and the remaining blank pages formed a new record book which was used as Manuscript History Book B-1. Willard Richards commenced writing in Book B-1 on August 23, 1843.¹⁷ Years later, after George A. Smith received the blessing book from Benjamin F. Johnson, the text of a blessing of Eliza Ann Snow (given by Joseph Sr. in 1839) was copied into it on February 3, 1859, in Provo, Utah Territory.

Joseph Smith Sr.’s blessing book contains copies of original patriarchal blessings. The persons blessed usually retained the original handwritten blessing. At a subsequent date, they would bring their blessing to a Church recorder to be copied into the official blessing book. That way the blessing would be preserved for future generations. As George A. Smith wrote, not all early patriarchal blessings were recorded in Joseph Smith Sr.’s book. The scribes who recopied the original blessings included Oliver Cowdery, his brother Warren A. Cowdery, and George W. Robinson. Not all blessings were copied accurately. Still, most of the

11. Kirtland Council Minute Book, 107, meeting of Sept. 14, 1835, copy of original minutes recorded in 1836; and *History of the Church*, 2:273.

12. Kirtland Council Minute Book, 111; and *History of the Church*, 2:275.

13. Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:7.

14. Ibid. 1:16.

15. Affidavit of Jonathan H. Holmes, Feb. 7, 1843, Joseph Smith Collection, LDS Archives.

16. Joseph Smith, Journal, Feb. 7, 1843, kept by Willard Richards, LDS Archives; and *History of the Church*, 5:265, with different wording.

17. Willard Richards, Journal, Aug. 24, 1843, LDS Archives.

copies offer an accurate sense of the original. Usually, but not always, a husband and wife received their patriarchal blessings on the same day. A small number of individuals received more than one patriarchal blessing. For example, a person might receive a patriarchal blessing from Joseph Smith Sr. and later an additional blessing from William Smith. Hyrum Smith sometimes ordained men to priesthood offices when he gave patriarchal blessings.

In Kirtland, Ohio, blessing meetings were held in private homes or in the House of the Lord (Kirtland temple). Six patriarchal blessings given on January 29, 1836, were copied into Joseph Smith Jr.'s journal by acting scribe Sylvester Smith.¹⁸ While Joseph Sr. gave many blessings in Kirtland, he also traveled to outlying areas where some Church members lived. One of the Church's early periodicals reported:

The venerable Patriarch of our church Joseph Smith, sen. and Elder John Smith set out on a mission from this place, May 10th [1836], to visit some of the branches of the church south of this, to regulate them and set in order the things that were wanting; they returned again on the 18th, being absent but eight days, during which time they either baptized, or witnessed the baptism of 16, and 95 received their patriarchal blessing.¹⁹

After the Kirtland temple was dedicated in 1836, Joseph Sr. sometimes presided over meetings in the building. One account notes: "On Thursday P.M. a prayer meeting is held in the lower part of the house where any and all persons may assemble and pray and praise the Lord. This meeting, though free for all, is conducted more particularly by J. Smith senior, the patriarch of the church."²⁰

Included in Joseph Sr.'s blessing book is a record of the ordination of Cyrus Smalling to the apostleship of the seventy. Smalling was told he would "go to Europe and preach the gospel to the kings of the earth. Thou shalt stand before bishops, archbishops and lord bishops, and even the pope himself."²¹ After Smalling took the book, and it was later returned to the Church, his name was erased from its pages.

Joseph Smith Jr. said on February 14, 1835, to those men who had traveled to Missouri to help assist Church members recently forced to leave Jackson County to return to their homes that they "should be ordained to the ministry and go forth to prune the vineyard for the last time, or the coming of the Lord, which was nigh, even fifty six years, should wind up the scene."²² This statement may have influenced his father in giving patriarchal blessings. If interpreted literally, the Second Coming would occur about the year 1891.²³ A number of Joseph Sr.'s blessings include promises of long life; some recipients were told how long they could expect to live.

Other topics included concepts from the book of Revelation in the New Testament, such as being numbered with the 144,000 and having one's name written in the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 7:4; 14:1, 3; 21:27). Many Church members looked to their blessing as prophetic insight into their life and future. These blessings help to preserve part of the world view of Joseph Smith Sr. and other early Mormons. Belief that other worlds were inhabited, that one could "translate" oneself from one place to another, and that the Sec-

18. Dean C. Jessee, ed., *The Papers of Joseph Smith: Journal, 1832-1842* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1992), 2:165-67.

19. "From Our Elders Abroad," *Messenger and Advocate* 2 (June 1836): 331.

20. "Our Village," *Messenger and Advocate* 3 (Jan. 1837): 444.

21. Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:24-25. Smalling did not see Pope Gregory XVI who died in 1846, or any of the various bishops. He later moved to Michigan and died in 1866.

22. Kirtland Council Minute Book, 147; and *History of the Church*, 2:182.

23. See, for example, Dan Erickson, "Joseph Smith's 1891 Millennial Prophecy: The Quest for Apocalyptic Deliverance," *Journal of Mormon History* 22 (Fall 1996): 1-34.

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and Coming was imminent all formed part of the theology found in these early blessings. All of the excerpts below come from Joseph Sr.'s blessings as they appear in the present compilation.

Witness the Second Coming

Blessing to Hyrum Smith: "Thou shalt live to see thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven."

Blessing to Seth Church: "thou shalt stand till the winding up scene of this generation and Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven. Satan shall have no power over you, and thou shalt stand on the earth & thy strength shall be great when thou art seventy-five. Thy strength shall be greater than when thou art twenty five."

Blessing to Mariah Crandall: "Thou shalt stand on the earth when Jesus comes in the Clouds of heaven. If thou livest up to thy privileges. Thou shalt have forty days notice of the coming of the Saviour."

Blessing to Wilford Woodruff: "Thou shalt stand in the flesh and see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt remain on the earth to behold the Savior come in the clouds of heaven. Thou shalt be numbered with the 100 & 44,000 that shall stand upon Mount Zion."

Translate Oneself

Blessing to Ethan Barrows: "Thou shalt have power to translate thyself from land to land and from country to country, from one end of heaven to the other, and when thy work is done thou shalt translate from earth to heaven."

Blessing to William Harris: "thou shalt have all power, even to translate thyself and change into a shadow; so that if any shall smite at thee they shall only hit thy shadow, and thou shalt be in another place."

Blessing to Joseph Cooper: "Mountains shall remove at thy word, prisons shall not hold thee, thou shalt translate thyself from planet to planet and preach to the spirits in prison and bring many of them to God."

Blessing to Dominicus Carter: "Thou shall have power to translate thyself and call down fire from heaven as did Elijah of old."

Travel/Preach to Other Worlds

Blessing to Solomon Warner Jr.: "Thou shalt have power to abide to the end and to translate thyself away if thou desire from place to place and preach to different nations. ... Thou shalt be translated and preach to other worlds, even from planet to planet and to spirits in prison."

Blessing to Lorenzo Snow: "thou shalt have power to translate thyself from one planet [planet] to another [another] — power to go to the moon if thou shalt desire it."

Blessing to Julius Thompson: "thou shalt go forth as upon the wings of Eagles, from city to city & from land to land, and from world to world, and preach the gospel in other planets and save many."

Ten Tribes to Return from North Country

Blessing to Joseph Smith Jr.: "thou shalt stand on mount Zion when the tribes of Jacob come shouting from the north, and with thy brethren, the Sons of Ephraim, crown them in the name of Jesus Christ: Thou shalt see thy Redeemer Come in the clouds of heaven."

Blessing to Oliver Snow: "Thou shalt live to see the tribes come in from the North."

Blessing to Arnold Stephens: "if faithful thou shalt see the sons of God come from the North Country, & thou shalt be crowned with them, and shall meet them in their armies as the Lord leads them

by his Prophet, and when the highway is cast up ... Thou shalt see the Revelator John, and stand upon the earth when he shall lead in his armies from the North.”

Zion Redeemed

Blessing to Edward Partridge: “Thou shalt live to see the redemption of Zion and rejoice upon the goodly land.”

Blessing to Lydia Knight: “you shall be preserved in life, go safely and speedily to Zion, have a good passage receive an inheritance in Jackson Co. [Missouri] within one year, see thy friends in Zion, thy brothers and sisters and rejoice with them, and shall see the glory of God. ... Thou shalt live to see the ten tribes come from the land of the North.”

Patriarchal blessings given to married women usually stated that they would receive blessings in common with their husbands—that the husband was the head and was to counsel his wife in all things. Sophia Packard was told: “And I confirm upon the[e] all the Power of the Priesthood as much as can be upon thy sex.” Joseph Sr. informed Nancy Judge Murphy: “thou art not ordained for every member in the church has a portion of the Priesthood.”

Such statements offer insight not only into Joseph Smith Sr.’s and others’ theology and belief regarding the end times, but also into the hopes and aspirations of the early Latter-day Saints. They speak to the faith and commitment that animated the daily lives of many early LDS converts.²⁴

Hyrum Smith

(February 9, 1800–June 27, 1844;
Ordained Patriarch September 14, 1840)

In September 1840, sixty-nine-year-old Joseph Smith Sr. lay seriously ill and indicated he wanted to bless his family. His wife, Lucy Mack Smith, remembered the blessing he gave to oldest son Hyrum who was then forty years old:

My son, Hyrum, I seal upon your head your patriarchal blessing, which I placed upon your head before, for that shall be verified. In addition to this, I now give you my dying blessing. You shall have a season of peace, so that you shall have sufficient rest to accomplish the work which God has given you to do. You shall be as firm as the pillars of heaven unto the end of your days. I now seal upon your head the patriarchal power, and you shall bless the people. This is my dying blessing upon your head in the name of Jesus. Amen.²⁵

The next month, Vilate Kimball wrote to her husband, Heber C. Kimball, then on a Church mission in England: “Father Smith has died since I last wrote. he ordai[ned] his son Hiram to be a Patriarch, and pronounced great blessing upon all his children before he died.”²⁶ Before the end of the year, Church President Joseph Smith informed all members of the Council of the Twelve in England of Hyrum’s ordination: “Brother Hyrum succeeds him [Joseph Smith Sr.] as Patriarch of the church, according to his last directions and benedictions.”²⁷

Joseph Smith received a revelation on January 19, 1841, explaining that Hyrum was to leave the

24. Bates (“Patriarchal Blessings”) discusses some of these topics and changes in emphases over time.

25. Lavina Fielding Anderson, ed., *Lucy’s Book: A Critical Edition of Lucy Mack Smith’s Family Memoir* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 2001), 716–17. Joseph Sr. died on September 14, 1840.

26. Vilate Kimball to Heber C. Kimball, Oct. 11–13, 1840, LDS Archives.

27. Joseph Smith to Beloved Brethren, [Dec. 15, 1840], as cited in *Times and Seasons* 2 (Jan. 1, 1841): 260, Nauvoo, Illinois.

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First Presidency where he served as a counselor to his brother Joseph (and be replaced by William Law). Hyrum's new role would be two-fold—as patriarch and to assist Joseph as Oliver Cowdery had:

And again, verily I say unto you, let my servant William [Law] be appointed, ordained, and anointed, as a councillor [counselor] unto my servant Joseph [Smith], in the room of my servant Hyrum [Smith]; that my servant Hyrum [Smith] may take the office of priesthood and patriarch, which was appointed unto him by his father, by blessing and also by right, that from henceforth he shall hold the keys of the patriarchal blessings upon the heads of all my people, that whoever he blesses shall be blessed, and whoever he curseth shall be cursed: that whatsoever he shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever he shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven;

and from this time forth, I appoint unto him that he may be a prophet and a seer and a revelator unto my church,²⁸ as well as my servant Joseph [Smith], that he may act in concert also with my servant Joseph [Smith], and that he shall receive counsel from my servant Joseph [Smith], who shall shew unto him the keys whereby he may ask and receive, and be crowned with the same blessing, and glory, and honor, and priesthood, and gifts of the priesthood, that once were put upon him that was my servant Oliver Cowdery; that my servant Hyrum [Smith] may bear record of the things which I shall shew unto him, that his name may be had in honorable remembrance from generation to generation, forever and ever.²⁹

In terms of the priesthood office he held, Hyrum was to be recognized by the Church first as patriarch. In the words of the revelation:

First, I give unto you Hyrum Smith to be a patriarch unto you to hold the sealing blessings of my church, even the Holy Spirit of promise, whereby ye are sealed up unto the day of redemption, that ye may not fall; notwithstanding the hour of temptation that may come upon you. I give unto you my servant Joseph [Smith], to be a Presiding Elder over all my church, to be a translator, a revelator, a seer and prophet. I give unto him for councillors [counselors] my servant Sidney Rigdon, and my servant William Law, that these may constitute a quorum and first presidency, to receive the oracles for the whole church.³⁰

In May 1843, Joseph Smith explained the nature of his brother's patriarchal office: "The patriarchal office is the highest office in the church. and father Smith conferred this office, on Hyrum Smith, on his death bed."³¹ The following year, on June 27, 1844, Hyrum and Joseph Smith were killed in Carthage Jail, Carthage, Illinois. At the October 1844 general conference of the Church, in the grove east of the Nauvoo temple, members voted "that we uphold Brigham Young the president of the quorum of the Twelve, as one of the Twelve and first presidency of the church."³² Hyrum Smith's son John (born on September 22, 1832) was eleven years old at the time of his father's death. Hyrum had not been able to confer the patriarchal office upon John. William Smith, the only surviving son of Joseph Smith Sr., asked for and obtained the ordination as patriarch from the Council of the Twelve.

28. "Hyrum Smith who some time since received the appointment of Patriarch in the church in place of Joseph Smith, Sen., deceased, has recently, by revelation, been appointed a Prophet and Revelator" (*Times and Seasons* 2 [Feb. 1, 1841]: 310).

29. Marquardt, *Joseph Smith Revelations*, 307; and LDS D&C 124:91-96.

30. Marquardt, *Joseph Smith Revelations*, 309; and LDS D&C 124:124-126.

31. Minutes of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, May 27, 1843, kept by Willard Richards, LDS Archives.

32. "October Conference Minutes," *Times and Seasons* 5 (Nov. 1, 1844): 692.

William Smith

(March 13, 1811–November 13, 1893;
Ordained Patriarch May 24, 1845;
Excommunicated October 19, 1845)

Members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles met on May 24, 1845, to resolve a matter with Samuel Brannan. Before concluding the meeting, they ordained William Smith as his brother Hyrum's successor as Church Patriarch, according to Apostle Willard Richards:

Wm Smith was ordained Patriarch to the whole church of Jesus christ of Latter Day Saints and to preside over the patriarchs. — All of the Twelve present laying their hands on him except W. Richards — who wrote the blessing. ... There was a warm interchange of good feeling between Wm Smith and the Quorum.³³

The official minutes of the meeting note: "Wm Smith asked the views of the council about his patriarchal office. — Prest [Brigham] Young said it was his right. — Wm Smith received his patriarchal blessing by Prest Young."³⁴ William was thirty-four years old when he became patriarch. There was no Church conference to sustain him as Church Patriarch during that time. William soon wrote a controversial article which mentioned that he was available to give blessings: "My residence is on Water street, in the house formerly occupied by Mr. William Marks, where I am ready to receive the calls of the Saints, and bestow upon them their patriarchal blessings according to the order of the priesthood." Fellow Apostle John Taylor subsequently wrote a correction to William's article. Taylor explained his opinion as to the nature of the patriarchal office and emphasized that William held "the keys of the patriarchal blessings upon the heads of all my people."³⁵

It is not my intent to examine in depth the disagreements or misunderstandings that developed between William and other members of the Quorum of the Twelve. (Briefly, William believed that he held priesthood authority that was superior to that possessed by the Twelve.)³⁶ William pronounced patriarchal blessings on proxies for two deceased women in June and July 1845. When he asked Brigham Young about blessing the dead, Young replied: "it is not according to the order of the church to confer Patriarchal Blessings on the dead by proxy, until baptism &c has been attended to for them by proxy, which must be done in the Lord's House."³⁷ William continued to pronounce blessings for four months.

On October 6, 1845, during a Church general conference in the Nauvoo temple, when William's name was presented for a vote to sustain him, the motion did not pass.³⁸ William was officially expelled from the Church two weeks later on October 19, 1845. Willard Richards, clerk of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, published the following notice:

Elder Will[iam] Smith having been cut off from the Quorum of the Twelve for apostacy, on the Sunday following, several [l]etters & a pamphlet having been read, showing he had turned away

33. Willard Richards, Journal, May 24, 1845.

34. "Minutes of a Council of the Twelve on Samuel Brannan," May 24, 1845, LDS Archives.

35. "Patriarchal," *Times and Seasons* 6 (June 1, 1845): 920–22.

36. For a contemporary source, consult Dean C. Jessee, ed., "The John Taylor Nauvoo Journal January 1845–September 1845," *BYU Studies* 23 (Summer 1983): 54–68, 83–84. Taylor's journal was kept by George Q. Cannon. See also Bates and Smith, *Lost Legacy*, 72–103.

37. Brigham Young to "Brother Wm Smith, Patriarch," Aug. 10, 1845, Brigham Young Collection, LDS Archives.

38. "Conference Minutes," *Times and Seasons* 6 (Nov. 1, 1845): 1008–1009.

INTRODUCTION

from the truth; on motion, it was unanimous[]y resolved by the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, that the said William Smith be cut off from said church, and left in the hands of God.³⁹

William's excommunication concluded his service as both Church Patriarch and a member in the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. He later joined the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1878 but never again held the office of patriarch or apostle. He died in 1893 at age eighty-two.

Since the days of Joseph Sr., Hyrum, and William Smith, both The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Community of Christ have continued the office of patriarch or evangelist. In the LDS Church, the presiding office of Patriarch to the Church was retired in 1979. Local stake patriarchs continue to bless individual Church members. In the Community of Christ, the presiding evangelist ministers to and blesses those in need.

In the blessings that follow, I present the texts in chronological order. A few explanatory notes are provided, but for the most part, the text of each blessing appears as originally recorded so as to allow the reader to evaluate any significance. Misspelled words are sometimes corrected in brackets; longer blessings are divided into paragraphs for easier reading (in such cases, the new paragraph does not always begin with a capital letter). Crossed-out words—if crossed out when recorded—are omitted; words above the line appear where they belong; and unintentionally repeated words are usually omitted.

The texts of the blessings may now be consulted for scholarly and historical research on the Latter-day Saints. Biographers, historians, sociologists, genealogists, and others will find insight into the lives of those who were blessed. This book contains much important historical source material, like other early LDS Church records such as Joseph Smith's journals, the Kirtland Revelations Book, the Kirtland Council Minute Book, and the Far West Record. I thank the many individuals who shared with me copies of blessings in their possession. The original photocopies and typescripts of the blessings reproduced in this volume may be found in the H. Michael Marquardt Papers, Manuscripts Division, J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

39. "Notice," *Times and Seasons* 6 (Nov. 1, 1845): 1019. See also Norton Jacob, Journal, in Ronald O. Barney, ed., *The Mormon Vanguard Brigade of 1847: Norton Jacob's Record* (Logan: Utah State University Press, 2005), 55, entry of Oct. 19, 1845.

THE BLESSINGS

Now, after writing these blessings at the mouth of the Seer, I greatly desired to know the mind of the Spirit concerning this my brother [Joseph Smith Jr.], with whom I had labored so many years; and accordingly I besought the Lord with prayer and fasting, who opened the heavens upon me, and thus, while in the heavenly vision, I wrote the following blessing, which is a part of that which was shown and declared should come upon my brother: therefore, let no one doubt their correctness and truth, for they will verily be fulfilled.

—Oliver Cowdery, October 3, 1835,
Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:15, LDS Archives

1.

Blessings by Joseph Smith Jr. Dated December 18, 1833

[Introductory comments written by Oliver Cowdery in September 1835]

The following blessings, by the spirit of prophecy, were pronounced by Joseph Smith, jr. the first elder, and first patriarch of the church: for although his father laid hands upon, and blessed the fatherless, thereby securing the blessing of the Lord unto them and their posterity, he was not the first elder, because God called upon his Son Joseph and ordained him to this power and delivered to him the keys of the kingdom, that is, of authority and spiritual blessings upon the church, and through him the Lord revealed his will to the church: he was ministered unto by the angel, and by his direction he obtained the Records of the Nephites, and translated by the gift and power of God: he was ordained by the angel John, unto the lesser or Aaronic priesthood, in company with myself, in the town of Harmony, Susquehannah [Susquehanna] County, Pennsylvania, on Fryday, the 15th day of May, 1829, after which we repaired to the water, even to the Susquehannah River, and were baptized, he first ministering unto me and after I to him.

But before baptism, our souls were drawn out in mighty prayer to know how we might obtain the blessings of baptism and of the Holy Spirit, according to the order of God, and we diligently sought for the right of the fathers and the authority of the holy priesthood, and the power to admin[ister] in the same: for we desired to be followers of righteousness and the possessors of greater knowledge, even the knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

Therefore, we repaired to the woods, even as our father Joseph said we should, that is to the bush, and called upon the name of the Lord, and he answered us out of the heavens, and while we were in the heavenly vision the angel came down and bestowed upon us this priesthood; and then, as I have said, we repaired to the water and were baptized. After this we received the high and holy priesthood: but an account of this will be given elsewhere, or in another place.

Let it suffice, that others had authority to bless, but after these blessings were given, of which I am about to write, Joseph Smith, Sen. was ordained a president and patriarch, under the hands of his son Joseph, myself, Sidney Rigdon, and Frederick G. Williams, presidents of the church. These blessings were given by vision and the spirit of prophecy, on the 18th of December, 1833, and written by my own hand at the time; and I know them to be correct and according to the mind of the Lord.¹ [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:8-9]

1. It is evident from the synopsis of the blessings recorded in Joseph Smith's journal by Frederick G. Williams that some wording pronounced that day was omitted. Modifications were made in the blessings of Oliver Cowdery and William Smith (Joseph Smith Journal, Dec. 18, 1833, LDS Archives). How many words were added to the 1833 blessings is not known.

[Blessings by Joseph Smith Jr. dated December 18, 1833;
revised and recorded ca. September 15–October 2, 1835]

Thus spake the Seer, and these are the words which fell from his lips while the visions of the Almighty were open to his view, saying:

[Blessing for Joseph Smith Sr. also mother, brothers and sisters]

Blessed of the Lord is my father, for he shall stand in the midst of his posterity and shall be comforted by their blessings when he is old and bowed down with years, and shall be called a prince over them, and shall be numbered among those who hold the right of patriarchal priesthood, even the keys of that ministry: for he shall assemble together his posterity like unto Adam; and the assembly which he called shall be an ensample for my father, for thus it is written of him:

Three years previous to the death of Adam, he called Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch and Methuselah, who were high priests, with the residue of his posterity, who were righteous, into the valley of Adamondi-ahman, and there bestowed upon them his last blessing. And the Lord appeared unto them, and they rose up and blessed Adam, and called him Michael the Prince, the Archangel. And the Lord administered comfort unto Adam, and said unto him, I have set thee to be at the head: a multitude of nations shall come of thee, and thou art a Prince over them forever.²

So shall it be with my father: he shall be called a prince over his posterity, holding the keys of the patriarchal priesthood over the kingdom of God on earth, even the Church of the Latter Day Saints,³ and he shall sit in the general assembly of patriarchs, even in council with the Ancient of Days when he shall sit and all the patriarchs with him — and shall enjoy his right and authority under the direction of the Ancient of Days.

And blessed, also, is my mother, for she is a mother in Israel, and shall be a partaker with my father in all his patriarchal blessings. And blessed, also, are my brothers and my sisters, for they shall yet find redemption in the house of the Lord, and their offsprings shall be a blessing, a joy and a comfort unto them.

[Blessing for Lucy Mack Smith]

Blessed is my mother, for her soul is ever filled with benevolence and philanthropy; and notwithstanding her age, she shall yet receive strength and be comforted in the midst of her house: and thus saith the Lord, She shall have eternal life.

[Blessing for Joseph Smith Sr.]

And again, blessed is my father, for the hand of the Lord shall be over him, and he shall be full of the Holy Ghost; for he shall predict whatsoever shall befall his posterity unto the latest generation, and shall see the affliction of his children pass away, and their enemies under their feet: and when his head is fully ripe he shall behold himself as an olive tree whose branches are bowed down with much fruit.

Behold, the blessings of Joseph by the hand of his progenitor, shall come upon the head of my father and his seed after him, to the uttermost; even he shall be a fruitful bough: he shall be as a fruitful bough,

2. Similar wording is found in the 1835 Doctrine and Covenants (D&C) 3:28, “On Priesthood.” See LDS D&C 107:53–55; RLDS D&C 104:28, [28–30] April 1835. See H. Michael Marquardt, *The Joseph Smith Revelations: Text and Commentary* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1999), 270.

3. This name was established on May 3, 1834 (“Communicated,” *The Evening and the Morning Star* 2 [May 1834]:160, Kirtland, Ohio).

even a fruitful bough by a well whose branches run over the wall, and his seed shall abide in strength, and the arms of their hands shall be made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob, and the God of his fathers: Even the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, shall help him and his seed after him: even the Almighty shall bless him with blessings of heaven above and his seed after him, and the blessings of the deep that lieth under: and his seed shall rise up and call him blessed.

He shall be as the vine of the choice grape when her clusters are fully ripe: and he shall also possess a mansion on high, even in the Celestial Kingdom. His counsel shall be sought for by thousands, and he shall have place in the house of the Lord; for he shall be mighty in the council of the elders, and his days shall yet be lengthened out: and when he shall go hence he shall go in peace, and his rest shall be glorious; and his name shall be had in remembrance to the end. Amen. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder.

[Blessing for Hyrum Smith]

Blessed of the Lord is my brother Hyrum for the integrity of his heart: he shall be girt about with strength, truth and faithfulness shall be the strength of his loins. From generation to generation he shall be a shaft in the hand of his God to execute judgment upon his enemies: and he shall be hid by the hand of the Lord that none of his secret parts shall be discovered unto his enemies, unto his hurt. His name shall be called a blessing among men.

His acquaintance shall be among kings, and he shall be sought for that he may sit in council, by nations and kings that are afar off; and thousands of souls, shall he be an instrument in the hand of his God in bringing unto salvation. And when he is in trouble, and great tribulation has come upon him, he shall remember the God of Jacob, and he shall shield him from the power of satan. He shall receive counsel in the house of the most high that he may be strengthened in hope. He shall be as a cooling spring that breaketh forth at the foot of the mountain, overshadowed with choice trees bowed down with rip[e] fruit, that yieldeth both nourishment to the appetite and quencheth the thirst, thereby yielding refreshment to the weary traveller: and the goings of his feet shall ever be by streams of living water.

He shall not fail nor want for knowledge, for the Lord his God shall put forth his hand and lift him up and shall call upon him with his voice in the way wherein he is travelling, that he may be established forever. He shall stand in the tracts of his father and be numbered among those who hold the right of patriarchal priesthood, even the evangelical priesthood and power shall be upon him, that in his old age his name may be magnified on the earth.

Behold he shall be blessed with an abundance of riches of the earth: gold, silver, and treasures of precious stones, of diamonds and platina [platinum]. His charriots shall be numerous, and his cattle shall multiply abundantly: horses, mules, asses, camels, dromedaries, and swift beasts, that he may magnify the name of the Lord and benefit the poor. Yea, this shall be the desire of his soul, to comfort the needy and bind up the broken in heart. His children shall be many and his posterity numerous, and they shall rise up and call him blessed. And he shall have eternal life. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland December 18, 1833, and recorded September, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:9-10]

[Blessing for Samuel Harrison Smith]

Blessed of the Lord is brother Samuel, because the Lord shall say unto him, Samuel, Samuel: therefore, he shall be made a teacher in the house of the Lord, among the school of the prophets; and the Lord shall mature his mind and correct his judgment, and he shall have a sound mind, and shall be correct in his understanding; and he shall be like unto Abraham, of old, because of his faithfulness and the integrity of his

soul, and thereby he shall obtain the esteem and fellowship of his brethren; and his soul shall be established and he shall benefit the house of the Lord, and also be an instrument in the hands of his God, in spreading abroad upon the mountains, and among all nations, the fulness of the everlasting gospel, because he shall obtain answer to prayer, in his faithfulness. His name shall be choice, and he shall be held in everlasting honor, and shall prove a blessing unto his posterity after him, from generation to generation, forever, He shall have an abundance of the good things of the earth, for he shall possess great wealth, while he lives, and in the liberality of his soul he shall benefit the poor.

He shall be likened unto the sun, that sheddeth forth his rays upon the mountains, and causeth vegetation to bloom forth in all its splendor, and the earth to bring forth in her glorious apparel, yielding her strength for the sustenance [subsistence] of man, by his warming influence; — so shall the voice of Samuel be to the hearts of those that shall seek counsel at his hand in his old age. And his testimony shall shine forth to the ends of the earth, and shall never be blotted out nor brought down from among men. And when the Lord of glory shall descend shall be able to endure the brightness of his glory and dwell in the presence of God. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given, December 18th, 1833, and recorded September 28th, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:10]

[Blessing for William Smith]

Brother William is as the fierce lion which divideth not the spoil because of his much strength; and in the pride of his heart he will neglect the more weighty matters until his soul is bowed down in sorrow, and then he shall return and call on the name of his God and shall find forgiveness, and shall wax valiant in the cause of truth: therefore, he shall be saved unto the uttermost and shall be endowed with power from on high. At his rebuke, in the name of the Lord, the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, the tongue of the dumb shall be made to speak, and the lame man shall leap as a hart [hart]; and his adversaries shall not have power to — withstand his words. Hell shall tremble because of him, and satan shall flee from before his face; and he shall be as a roaring lion of the forest, in the midst of his prey — So Shall his hand be in the midst of his enemies, among those who know not the Lord, but seek the injury of the righteous: and the hand of his generation shall be lifted up also against those who are set on high, that fight the God of Israel: fearless and undaunted shall they be in battle, in avenging the wrongs of the innocent and relieving the oppressed.

Therefore, the blessings of the God of Jacob shall be upon him to the uttermost, and in the midst of his house,⁴ from generation to generation forever; and he shall be lifted up at the last day and shall come up before the Lord like as a full shock of corn, laden with his tens of thousands, as a reward of his labors, with songs of everlasting joy, with hozannahs [hosannas] upon his lips, to God and to the Lamb, to go no more out. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, December 18th, 1833, and recorded September 28th, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:10-11]

[Blessing for Don Carlos Smith]

Blessed of the Lord is brother Carlos, for the Lord my God delighteth in him: He shall be made a polished shaft in the quiver of the Almighty unto the confounding of thousands and tens of thousands of

4. The words “notwithstanding his rebellious heart” are in the blessing recorded in Joseph Smith’s journal (Dec. 18, 1833). When recorded in September 1835, the words were omitted.

mine enemies; and he shall never want a friend. He shall dream dreams and see visions, and the Spirit of the Lord shall dwell in him; and he shall be a chosen vessel of the Lord, for the spirit of prophecy shall be upon him: therefore, he shall never fail in his understanding, and by the help of his judgment he shall be as a choice seer in the house of the Lord. He shall also become a great lawyer, pertaining to the laws of God, and also pertaining to the laws of the land; for he shall have understanding in these things, and shall be called to stand in legislative bodies, and shall confront the errors of rulers and kings, to their face, and they shall reverence him because of the greatness of his understanding and his nobility of soul. He shall be taught of his God like unto Jacob in ancient days; for his God shall delight in him all the days of his life, which shall be many. It shall be his lot to stand among the nobles of the earth: and the burden of his influence, over the inhabitants of the earth, shall render him like unto an orchard in a fruitful season, as it is borne down with the abundance of fruit — so shall the weight of his influence be over the minds of those who know his name: for his name shall be magnified among men.

Unto what shall I liken my brother Carlos? I will liken him unto a mighty river — that is continually running into the fountain of the great deep — so shall the blessings of his labors be, a fountain of righteousness because of the greatness of his soul. And he shall be blessed upon the mountains of Zion with the fruit of the vine and with the fruit of the field, and shall lie sustained with corn and oil, and his heart shall be sustained with the good things of the earth: with houses and with lands, with chariots and with horses, with mules and with asses, with camels and with swift beasts, at home, upon the mountains of Zion, and also abroad: among foreign nations shall the power of his wealth extend, even to kingdoms afar off. All these things shall come upon him and his seed after him to the latest generation. He shall be filled with the good things of the earth. He shall have power over the wicked and escape the hands of his enemies; for he shall prevail against them: and he shall have his right to the holy priesthood. All these blessings shall come upon him and his seed after him; for they shall be numerous, and shall rise up and call him blessed. And in addition to these he shall have a diligent mind, even to persevere in the time of trouble, and prevail. He shall inherit a crown of eternal life. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:11]

[Prayer by Joseph Smith Jr.]

A prayer — O God, let the residue of my father's house, with the residue of those whom thou hast blessed, ever come up in remembrance before thee and stand virtuous and pure in thy presence, that thou mayest save them from the hand of the oppressor, and establish their feet upon the rock of ages, that they may have place in thy house and be saved in thy kingdom, even where God and Christ is: and let all these things be as I have said, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, December 18th, 1833, and recorded in this book by me, October 1, 1835. Oliver Cowdery. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:11]

[Blessing for Oliver Cowdery]⁵

Blessed of the Lord is brother [name erased] for he shall be made like unto the bow which the Lord hath set in the heavens: he shall be a sign unto the nations, and shall be an instrument in lifting up an ensign

5. This blessing is known to be for Oliver Cowdery because of the similarity of the wording at the beginning of his blessing. Joseph Smith's journal contains the wording "blessed of the Lord is bro Oliver nevertheless there are two evils in him that he must needs forsake or he cannot altogether escape the buffittings of the adverly [adversary] if he shall forsak[e] these evils he shall be forgiven and shall be made like unto the bow which the Lord hath set in the heavens he shall be a sign and an ensign unto the nations." Cowdery's name was probably erased during the period he was out of Church favor.

unto them. Behold, he is blessed of the Lord for his constancy and steadfastness in the work of the Lord: wherefore, he shall be blessed in his generations, and they shall never be cut off; and he shall be helped out of all his troubles because he shall keep the commandments of the Lord and hearken unto all his counsels. He shall be blessed with the blessings of the lasting hills: with blessings from above and with blessings that couch beneath; even the hidden things of the ancient mountains: even the records that have been hid from the first ages, from generation to generation shall he be an instrument in the hands of his God, with his brother Joseph, of translating and bringing forth to the house of Israel.

And blessed upon the mountains shall his feet be, for he shall publish peace and salvation among all the Gentile nations, and lo, lo, among the Jews, also: and his name shall be had in remembrance among all nations, and it shall be said of him, This man is blessed of the Lord, for he went out in search of the promised land like Abraham of old, not knowing whither he went, and the right hand of his God did protect him that he did not stop till his feet stood thereon: therefore, for this he is blessed and his posterity after him; and when men bless in Israel they shall bless, saying, The Lord bless thee as he did his servant [name erased] who sought diligently for the promised land, whereon the city of Zion should stand: the Lord bring peace and blessings upon thy house as he has upon the house of this man; for inasmuch as he has done like Abraham, in this thing, the blessings of his father Abraham shall come upon him. Thus shall his name remain a blessing. And he shall yet do the work of an evangelist in his day, and Zion shall rejoice for the multitudes that shall flow unto her — because of him. And he shall be kept under the shadow of the wing of the Almighty, and be made a polished shaft in his quiver, and lead forth by his mighty hand.

He shall sit in the council of the patriarchs, with his brother Joseph and with him have part in the keys of that ministry when the Ancient of Days shall come. Behold, there is no end to the blessings and glories that shall come upon my brother [name erased] yet in his days; for he shall have part with me in the keys of the kingdom of the last days, and we shall judge this generation by our testimony: and the keys shall never be taken from us, but shall rest with us for an everlasting priesthood [priesthood], forever and ever.

Behold, he shall be a choice lawyer in Israel, both pertaining to the law of God and also the law of man for he shall have understanding in these matters. He shall be equal in the councils of Israel, for he shall sit in the great assemblies of the house of Jacob, and by his understanding shall they be benefited. He shall also stand in the councils of nations and states, and his voice shall be heard in the midst of the most renowned among the statesmen of the world, and by his superior intelligence and great wisdom convince them of their errors: thus shall he be revered; for he shall be had in repute even by governors and kings, and stand in the legislatures of nations. And because of the liberality of his soul shall the poor be benefited, and their blessings shall rest upon his head. Though his heart shall desire, above all things, to see the Law of God fulfilled, yet because he is ever filled with charity he shall be quick to forgive the transgressor, when he repents.

He shall be blessed with an abundance of the good things of this earth, even with houses and with lands, and in the fruit of the vine, the fruit of the olive and the fruit of the field, and in the abundance of cattle, and of horses, and of asses, and of she asses, of sheep, and of goats, of camels, dromedaries, and all swift beasts, and of chariots in abundance, with gold and with silver, with diamonds and all precious stones, with brass and with iron, and with the choice platina [platinum], and of blessings at home and abroad, and of blessings pertaining to right among the nobles of the earth, in palaces of governors and kings, and in foreign nations, and in kingdoms afar off unto the utmost parts of the earth, and they shall acknowledge his right and his authority.

So shall the blessings come upon my brother [name erased] and upon his seed after him, from generation to generation, unto the latest posterity. These blessings shall come upon him according to the blessings of the prophecy of Joseph in ancient days, which he said should come upon the Seer of the last days,

and the Scribe that should sit with him, and that should be ordained with him, by the hand of the angel in the bush, unto the lesser priesthood, and after receive the holy priesthood under the hands of those who had been held in reserve for a long season, even those who received it under the hand of the Messiah, while he should dwell in the flesh, upon the earth, and should receive the blessings with him, even the Seer, of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saith he, even Joseph of old, by his hand, even God. And he shall inherit a crown of eternal life, at the end; and while in the flesh shall stand up in Zion and assist to crown the tribes of Jacob; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given December 18th, 1833, and recorded in this book October 2, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:12]

[Blessing for Frederick G. Williams]

Blessed be brother Frederick, for he shall never want a friend, and his generation after him shall flourish: The Lord hath appointed him an inheritance in the land of Zion. Yea, and his head shall blossom with old age, and he shall be as an olive branch that is bowed down with fruit. And he shall be blessed with the abundance of the good things of the earth because of the liberality of his soul, even with the precious things that couch beneath; even with gold and with silver in abundance, and with antiquities of every Kind: with precious stones, and with platina [platinum]; with houses and with lands, and with cattle, with charriots and with horses, and asses and with she asses, with mules and camels, and dromedaries, and all swift beasts, at home and abroad, among governors, rulers and kings, and nations afar off: and all these because of the liberality of his soul, always abounding unto the poor.

Therefore, the hand of his God shall be over him and his seed after him, from generation to generation. And his head shall blossom and be as white as the pure wool — and his rest shall be glorious: He shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the cloud, and ever be with the Lord. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Recorded in this book, October 2, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:13]

[Blessing for Sidney Rigdon]

Blessed of the Lord is brother Sidney: notwithstanding he shall be high and lifted up, yet he will humble himself like an ass that coucheth beneath his burden, that learneth his masters will by the stroke of his rod, thus saith the Lord. Yet the Lord will have mercy on him, and he shall bring forth much fruit, even as the vine of the choice grape, before the time of the gleanings of the vintage, and the Lord shall make his heart merry as with sweet wine because of him who putteth forth his hand and and lifteth him up out of deep mire and pointeth him out the way and guideth his feet when he stumbles, and humbleth him in his pride. Blessed are his generations: nevertheless, one shall hunt after them as a man hunteth after an ass that is strayed in the wilderness and straitway findeth him and bringeth him into the fold: and thus shall the Lord watch over his generations that they may be saved.

A spokesman unto the Lord shall he be all the days of his life; and it shall come to pass that he shall hold the rod of Aaron, in his right hand. He shall be called blessed, and his name shall be held sacred among all nations. He shall be called to stand before governors and rulers, and among the nobles and the great ones of the earth: and there shall be no greater, in this generation, for the Lord shall reveal unto the Seer of Israel, and he shall declare it. And his testimony shall be borne off triumphantly victorious. He shall put to flight and to shame his enemies, who have endeavored to hold him in bondage: he shall live to see them wasted out of the earth, and he shall walk proudly upon the places of their dead.

He shall never be disgraced in his generations, but they shall rise up and do honor to his name; and

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his name shall be had among them as a sweet memorial, from generation to generation, forever. And it shall come to pass that he shall sit in council with the Ancient of Days. He shall see with his eyes, and hear with his ears, and handle with his hands of the word of life, and shall say, I am satisfied, my soul doth magnify God. Great and numberless are the multiplicity of blessings which shall be poured out upon the head of brother Sidney. He shall have abundance of the good things of this earth, because of the nobility of his soul, and his liberality to the poor. He shall not decrease, but increase an hundred fold, in houses and in lands, and in the increase of his fields, and of all that he hath: And his mind shall never fail, neither his understanding unto the end; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, clerk and Recorder. Given December 18, 1833, and recorded in this book October 2, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:13]

2.

Blessings by Joseph Smith Sr. Dated December 9, 1834

[Introductory remarks by Joseph Smith Sr.]

Patriarchal Blessings pronounced by Joseph Smith, senior, a Patriarch, and President of the high priesthood in the church of the Latter Day Saints, organized on the 6th of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and thirty, upon his children, assembled at the house of his son Joseph, on the 9th day of December, 1834, at a feast prepared for that purpose.

The congregation being assembled, and presidents Smith's family arranged according to their ages, he made Some remarks, in substance as follows:

My children, I am now old, and my head is white: I have seen many years, compared to those enjoyed by many: I am now in my sixty third year, and my frame is feeble because of the many trials and fateagues [fatigues] which I have endured in this life. I have not attained to the age of my fathers, neither do I now Know as I shall, but I desire, and for a long time have, to bless my children before I go hence. It is a source of grief to me that I have not been more faithful to the Lord in days which are passed than I have: I have not always set that example before my family that I ought: I have not been diligent in teaching them the commandments of the Lord, but have rather manifested a light and trifling mind: But in all this I have never denied the Lord. Notwithstanding all this my folly, which has been a cause of grief to my family, the Lord has often visited me in visions and in dreams, and has brought me, with my family, through many afflictions, and I this day thank his holy name.

I look round upon you before me and I behold a lack: three seats are, as it were, empty. The Lord, in his just providence has taken from me, at an untimely birth, a son: this has been a matter of affliction; but the Lord's ways are just. My next son, Alvin, as you all are aware, was taken from us in the vigour [vigor] of life, in the bloom of youth: My heart often mourns his loss, but I have not disposition to complain against the Lord. Another has been taken also in his infancy. I pray that my loss may be abundantly supplied, and made up in additional blessings, and that his grace may attend me, and his Holy Spirit be shed abro[a]d in my heart that I may pronounce such blessings upon your heads as will be fulfilled.

After this the assembly joined in prayer, president Sidney Rigdon taking the lead. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:1]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hyrum Smith]

The blessing of Hyrum Smith who was born in Tunbridge, Orange County, Vermont, February 9, 1800:

Hyrum, thou art my oldest son whom the Lord has spared unto me: my eldest was taken at an un-

timely age, but thy next brother, whom thou didst love, around whose heart thine affections were twined, has been taken in the vigor of youth, even in the morning of his days: his seat is vacant this day, but his spirit is at rest. Wo be to the man who sought his fall, by which means he was deprived of leaving seed to rise up in his inheritance to call him blessed. I, therefore, that his name may not be forgotten, make this mention of him, in thy blessing, that it may be recorded with the same, for my posterity to look upon; and as you are now my eldest, your seed may look upon this in after years and remember the sorrows of thy father, and the sorrows of my family: God is just, and he will reward the enemy of my son four fold [fold]. So much I have found in my heart to say, to perpetuate the memory of thy brother, who was an upright man.

Behold, thou art Hyrum; the Lord has called thee by that name, and by that name he has blessed thee. Thou has borne the burthen [burden] and heat of the day; thou hast toiled hard and labored much for the good of thy father's family: thou has been a stay many times to them, and by thy diligence they have often been sustained: Thou hast loved thy father's family with a pure love, and hast greatly desired their salvation: Thou has always stood by thy father, and reached forth the helping hand to lift him up when he was in affliction; and though he has been out of the way, through wine,¹ thou has never forsaken him nor laughed him to scorn: for all these kindnesses the Lord my God will bless thee.

I now ask my heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, to bless the[e] with the same blessings with which Jacob blessed his son Joseph; for thou art his true descendant, and thy posterity shall be numbered with the house of Ephraim, and with them thou shalt stand up to crown the tribes of Israel, when they come shouting to Zion. Thou shalt live to see thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven; and thou shalt lift up thy head with gladness, and hail the holy throng with uplifted hands. Thou shalt stand before kings and rulers, and bear testimony of the Lord: Thou shalt proclaim the gospel to many nations, and bring many souls to the knowledge of the truth: Thou art numbered with the horns of Joseph; for thou shalt push many people together: Thou shalt escape the hands of thine enemies, and triumph over all who oppose thy way, in truth.

Thou shalt be blessed with the good things of this earth in rich abundance: the Lord will multiply his choice blessings upon thee and thy seed after thee, and thou, with them, shall have an inheritance in Zion; and they shall possess it from generation to generation, and thy name shall never be blotted out from among the just; for the righteous shall rise up, and also thy children after thee, and say thy memory is just — that thou wert a just man, and perfect in thy day. Thy name is written in heaven, and thy salvation sealed on high, even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:1-2]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jerusha Smith]

Jerusha Smith, wife of Hyrum Smith, was born ★ [See the close]

Jerusha, my daughter-in-law, the Lord will reward the[e] for all thy labors and toils. Thou hast had many sorrows in consequence of the hardness of the hearts of thy father's family; and thou hast sought, by prayer, before the Lord, mercy for them: and notwithstanding they have openly rebelled against the truth, and knowingly turned from the light of heaven, yet some of them will be saved; but it will be through great tribulation. Thou shalt be blessed with thy husband; and his joy shall be thy joy: Thy heart shall be lifted up for him while he is far off, and thou shall be comforted. The Lord will watch over thee and thy children, and in the times of thy sorrow the angels shall minister unto thee. Thy children shall be blessed, and thy

1. The words "through wine" were afterwards crossed out, presumably to lessen the thought that Joseph Smith Sr. drank liquor. The words "Salt Lake City" were written on the side of Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:20. On a copy of Hyrum Smith's blessing in Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:2, the words "and though he has been out of the way through wine" were crossed out.

children's children to the latest generation. Thy name is recorded on high, and thou shalt rise with the just to meet the Lord in the air, even so. Amen.

★ Jerusha Smith was born in Norfolk Litchfield County Connecticut, February 15, 1805.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, December 9, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:2]

[Patriarchal blessing of Calvin W. Stoddard]

Calvin W. Stoddard, son-in law of Joseph Smith senior, was born in Palmyra, Ontario County, N.Y. September 7, 1801.

Before laying hands upon this son-in-law, president Smith exhorted him to humble himself before the Lord, and to repent of his sins: he had been excommunicated from the Church and rebaptized, and was at this time out of the Church.

Calvin, my son-in-law, thou hast conducted foolishly, and suffered the devil to toss the[e] about, and to sift thee many times. The church has been grieved with thy conduct, and thy family has been sorely afflicted because of thy wickedness. The Lord has given thee a talent, and he will require an account of the same in eternity. Thou must repent and seek forgiveness, which if you do, and continue faithful, the Lord will yet give thee a mission, and thou mayest bring souls unto the Lord's Kingdom. I lay my hands upon thy head, to pronounce upon thee a father's blessing, because thou hast no earthly father in the church, and I say that inasmuch as thou shalt humble thyself and keep the commandments of the Lord thou shalt be blessed with a place and an inheritance among the saints, and thy seed after thee, and thy name shall not be blotted out from among men, and thou shalt be saved in the kingdom of God. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:2-3]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sophronia Stoddard]

Sophrona Stoddard was born in Tunbridge, Orange County Vermont, May 16, 1803.

Sophrona, my daughter, The Lord has seen fit in his providence, to afflict you with much sickness, and much sorrow, because of the conduct of thy husband; but I pronounce the blessing of thy father Jacob upon thee, and thou shalt have a name and a place in thy father's family, because of thy tears and prayers, for thou hast prevailed unto the obtaining this blessing: Thou shalt yet be comforted, for the days of thy tribulation shall have an end, and the time of thy rejoicing shall come; and thou shalt be blessed with an abundance of the good things of this life. Thou art blessed and shall be blessed, and saved in the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, Ohio, December 9, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:3]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Smith Jr.]

Joseph Smith, junior was born in Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont, December 23, 1805.

Joseph, my son, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to confirm upon thee a father's blessing. The Lord thy God has called thee by name out of the heavens: Thou hast heard his voice from on high from time to time, even in thy youth. The hand of the angel of his presence has been extended toward thee by which thou hast been lifted up and sustained; yea, the Lord has delivered thee from the hands of thine enemies and thou hast been made to rejoice in his salvation: thou hast sought to know his ways, and from thy childhood thou hast meditated much upon the great things of his law. Thou hast suffered much in thy youth, and the poverty and afflictions of thy father's family have been a grief to

thy soul. Thou hast desired to see them delivered from bondage, for thou hast loved them with a perfect love. Thou hast stood by thy father, and like Shem, would have covered his nakedness, rather than see him exposed to shame: when the daughters of the Gentiles laughed, thy heart has been moved with a just anger to avenge thy kindred.

Thou hast been an obedient Son: the commands of thy father and the reproofs of thy mother, thou hast respected and obeyed—for all these things the Lord my God will bless thee. Thou hast been called, even in thy youth to the great work of the Lord: to do a work in this generation which no other man would do as thyself, in all things according to the will of the Lord. A marvelous work and a wonder has the Lord wrought by thy hand, even that which shall prepare the way for the remnants of his people to come in among the Gentiles, with their fulness, as the tribes of Israel are restored. I bless thee with the blessings of thy fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and even the blessings of thy father Joseph, the son of Jacob. Behold, he looked after his posterity in the last days, when they should be scattered and driven by the Gentiles, and wept before the Lord: he sought diligently to know from whence the Son should come who should bring forth the word of the Lord, by which they might be enlightened, and brought back to the true fold, and his eyes beheld thee, my son: his heart rejoiced and his soul was satisfied, and he said.

As my blessings are to extend to the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills; as my father's blessing prevailed above the blessings of his progen[i]tors, and as my branches are to run over the wall, and my seed are to inherit the choice land whereon the Zion of God shall stand in the last days, from among my seed, scattered with the Gentiles, shall a choice Seer arise whose bowels shall be as a fountain of truth, whose loins shall be girded with the girdle of righteousness, whose hands shall be lifted with acceptance before the God of Jacob to turn away his anger from his annointed, whose heart shall meditate great wisdom, whose intelligence shall circumscribe and comprehend the deep things of God, and whose mouth shall utter the law of the just: His feet shall stand upon the neck of his enemies, and he shall walk upon the ashes of those who seek his destruction: with wine and oil shall he be sustained, and he shall feed upon the heritage of Jacob his father: the just shall desire his society, and the upright in heart shall be his companions: No weapon formed against him shall prosper, and though the wicked mar him for a little season, he shall be like one rising up in the heat of wine — he shall roar in his strength, and the Lord shall put to flight his persecutors: he shall be blessed like the fruitful olive, and his memory shall be as sweet as the choice cluster of the first ripe grapes. Like a shief [sheaf] fully ripe, gathered into the garner, so shall he stand before the Lord, having produced a hundred fold. Thus spake my father Joseph.

Therefore, my son, I know for a surety that those things will be fulfilled, and I confirm upon thee all these blessings. Thou shalt like to do the work which the Lord shall command thee: thou shalt hold the Keys of this ministry, even the presidency of this church, both in time and in eternity. Thy heart shall be enlarged, and thou shalt be able to fill up the measure of thy days according to the will of the Lord. Thou shalt speak the word of the Lord and the earth shall tremble; the mountains shall move and the rivers shall turn out of their course. Thou shalt escape the edge of the sword, and put to flight the armies of the wicked. At thy word the lame shall walk, the deaf shall hear and the blind shall see. Thou shalt be gathered to Zion and in the goodly land thou shalt enjoy thine inheritance; thy children and thy children's children to the latest generation; for thy name and the names of thy posterity shall be recorded in the book of the Lord, even in the book of blessings and genealogies, for their joy and benefit forever.

And now, my son, what more shall I say? Thou art as a fruitful olive and a choice vine: thou shalt be laden with precious fruit. Thousands and tens of thousands shall come to a knowledge of the truth through thy ministry, and thou shalt rejoice with them in the Celestial Kingdom: Thou shalt stand upon the earth when it shall reel to and fro as a drunken man, and be removed out of its place: thou shalt stand when the mighty judgments go forth to the destruction of the wicked: thou shalt stand on mount Zion

when the tribes of Jacob come shouting from the north, and with thy brethren, the Sons of Ephraim, crown them in the name of Jesus Christ: Thou shalt see thy Redeemer Come in the clouds of heaven, and with the just receive the hallowed throng with shouts of hallalujahs, praise the Lord. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:3-4]

[Patriarchal blessing of Emma Smith]

Emma Smith, wife of Joseph Smith, jr was born in Harmony, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1804.

Emma, my daughter-in-law, thou art blessed of the Lord, for thy faithfulness and truth: thou shalt be blessed with thy husband and rejoice in the glory which shall come upon him: Thy soul has been afflicted because of the wickedness of men in seeking the destruction of thy companion, and thy whole soul has been drawn out in prayer for his deliverance: rejoice, for the Lord thy God has heard thy sup[p]lication. Thou hast grieved for the hardness of the hearts of thy father's house, and thou hast longed for their salvation. The Lord will have respect to thy cries, and by his judgments he will cause some of them to see their folly and repent of their sins; but it will be by affliction that they will be saved. Thou shalt see many days; yea, the Lord will spare thee till thou are satisfied, for thou shalt see thy Redeemer. Thy heart shall rejoice in the great work of the Lord, and no one shall take thy rejoicing from thee.

Thou shalt ever remember the great condescension of thy God in permitting thee to accompany my son when the angel delivered the record of the Nephites to his care. Thou hast seen much sorrow because the Lord has taken from thee three of thy children: in this thou art not to be blamed, for he knows thy pure desires to raise up a family, that the name of my son might be blessed. And now, behold, I say unto thee, that thus says the Lord, if thou will believe, thou shalt yet be blessed in this thing and thou shalt bring forth other children, to the joy and satisfaction of thy soul, and to the rejoicing of thy friends. Thou shalt be blessed with understanding, and have power to instruct thy sex. Teach thy family righteousness, and thy little ones the way of life, and the holy angels shall watch over thee: and thou shalt be saved in the kingdom of God; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, December 9, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:4-5]

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Harrison Smith]

Samuel H. Smith was born in Tunbridge, Orange County, Vermont, March 13, 1808.

Samuel, my son, thou art loved of the Lord: thy faithfulness and truth have come up before him with acceptance, and thy name is recorded on high. Thou hast been faithful in all thy days, and ministered comfort to thy father's family. Thy soul has been moved for their good and when the oppressor has come in to take sway, a just indignation has filled thy bosom. Thou hast labored much and toiled hard, and thou hast had a pure desire for the good of thy kindred. This was just, and thou shalt have thy reward, for it shall be recorded in the book of the blessed, and the just shall rise up and call thee a perfect man.

Thou art blessed of the Lord, for thou shalt hear his voice saying, Samuel, Samuel. Thou shalt be equal with thy brethren, and thine inheritance shall be like unto theirs: even the blessings of thy fathers shall rest upon thee, and the fut [fruit] of the land shall be given for thy sustenance [subsistence]. Thy seed shall be blessed, and thy seed's seed, after thee, till the last generation, upon a land flowing with milk huney [honey]. Thou shalt do good in thy day: the testimony which thou hast borne and shall bear, shall be received by thousands, and thou shalt magnify thy calling and do honor to the holy priesthood. The nations of the earth shall hear thy voice [voice], and the great ones of the Gentles shall tremble in thy presence, be-

cause of the mighty power of God which shall attend thee. Thou shalt speak the word, and all things Shall be at thy command: though the tempest rage; though the thunders roar, and though the deep heave itself like mountains, to the clouds, at thy word, in the name of the Lord, they shall be calmed, thou shalt escape, while thy enemies are swallowed up and go down to the pit.

Nothing shall harm thee, my son, though the unrighteous seek to devour, and the workers of iniquity gather themselves for thy destruction, the angel of the Lord will deliver thee, and in his hands thou shalt be borne off safely, that thou be not destroyed. Thou shalt hold communion with the heavenly hosts: thy voice shall ascend up on high, and thy supplication shall have place in the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Thou shalt stand when the overflowing scourge shall pass over — when the destroying angel goes forth. Thou shalt see the heavens open: in visions and in dreams thy mind be matured, and thou shalt stand up in the congregation of the saints and teach them the law of the Lord. Thy soul shall be satisfied with good things, and for a reward of thy righteousness thou shalt stand up in Zion to join thy brethren in crowning the tribes of Israel. Thou shalt be like the fruitful vine, filled with the choice grape, and thou shalt see thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven with all the heavenly and holy throng. In the name of Jesus Christ, I seal these blessings upon thee and thy seed after thee; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:5]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Smith]

Mary Smith, wife of Samuel H. Smith, was born in Bedford, Hillsborough County New Hampshire, December 20, 1808.

Mary, my daughter-in-law, thou hast been united with my family, and thy heart has believed the testimony of my son, and thou hast been faithful and diligent in keeping the commandments; thou hast left thy father's house, and thy near relatives for the gospel's sake. For this thou art blessed and shall be blessed. Thou hast sought to know whether thy friends would yet be saved, for thou dost greatly desire the spiritual good of thy kindred: for this thou art blessed, and the Lord will hear thy prayers in their behalf, and they will yet come into thy Kingdom.

Thou shalt be blessed with my son, and thy soul shall be satisfied with blessings. When he is afar off, upon the mission of the Lord thou shalt be comforted: thy heart shall be lifted up for him, and the Lord will hear thy prayers. Thou shalt be blessed with many children, and in the absence of thy husband thou shalt teach them the commandments of the Lord, and they shall grow up in righteousness before him. Thou shalt be satisfied with life; for thou shalt live to see thy children grow up to manhood. They shall be a comfort and a strength to thee, and their seed shall rise up and call thee blessed. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, Ohio, December 9th, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:5]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Smith]

William Smith was born in Royalton, Windsor County, Vermont, March 13, 1811.

William, my son, I lay my hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, and confirm upon thee a father's blessing, for thee and thy children after thee, and even thy children's children, down to the end of time; for thou art the fruit of my loins, and I am a descendant of Joseph: therefore, I pronounce the blessings of my fathers upon thee, and thou shalt be numbered in the covenant seed. Thou hast seen afflictions, my son, and the hand of the Lord has been upon thee that thou might be chastened, even in thy youth, that thou mayest learn to be obedient to his commandments and faithful to his precepts. Thou hast greatly desired to see thy father's family redeemed from trouble, and from the power and dominion of those who op-

pressed them. Verily, this was a good desire, but thou hast not altogether desired this thing in meekness, because thou hast not always known the Lord.

Now my son, thou hast received the ministry and been called to preach the gospel. The Lord has chosen thee for a great work, and if thou art faithful he will send thee to distant lands, and in heathen countries thou shalt lift up thy voice and call men to repentance. The hand of the angel of God shall lift thee up, and though thou pass through the deep, and in the midst of deep waters the right hand of thy Redeemer will be extended, and he will bear thee off victorious, and thou shalt be preserved. Yea, my son, this is the promise of the Lord unto thee — thou shalt be preserved.

Therefore, settle it in thy mind, and remember when thou art far away, upon the barren wastes of the desert, that in thy youth the Lord gave thee this promise, if thou wert faithful, that thou shouldst return to the society of thy friends and to the embraces of thy family. The Lord thy God will make thee like a very fruitful garden, whose plants grow by the side of pure waters. In due time thou shalt accomplish thy mission, and thy faithfulness shall be spoken of by the wise and the prudent. Thou shalt be blessed with many children, and they shall rise up to avenge the people of the Lord on their enemies.

Thou shalt be made equal with thy brethren, and thy seed with their seed. Thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion, and thy children after thee. When the Lord gathers up the scattered remnants of his people, and calls his elect from the four winds, then, my son, thy joy shall be full, for thou shalt stand in the presence of thy Redeemer, and receive his approbation. Therefore, give heed to the words of thy father, for though the mountains be removed and the hills melt, the word of the Lord will endure and his promise be fulfilled; and thou shalt be mighty in the earth, for thou shalt be filled with the treasures of wisdom, understand the hidden things of the kingdom of thy God; yea, thy life shall be precious in his sight, thy memory shall be sweet, and thou shalt be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:6]

[Patriarchal blessing of Caroline Smith]

Caroline Smith, wife of William Smith, was born in Broome, Sullivan County, New York, January 2, 1814.

Caroline, my daughter-in-law, I pronounce the blessings of a parent upon thy head, even the blessings of a parent upon the head of a beloved child. Thou art chosen to be a comfort to thy husband, and a mother of many children. Behold, thy seed shall be numerous and thy posterity shall be many: they shall be numbered with the chosen seed, whose inheritances shall be made shure [sure], and whose dwellings shall be surrounded with plenty. In the absence [absence] of thy husband thou shalt teach them the things of God, that they may learn perfectly his holy commandments: when they are sick thou shalt call upon the Lord, and he will hear thy cries. The holy angels shall minister to thee, and thy soul shall be satisfied with the goodness of the Lord: thou shalt see the desire of thy heart in the return of thy husband when his labor in the vineyard, is fulfilled. Thou shalt be satisfied with life, for thou shalt see the end of the wicked.

These blessings I confirm upon thee, and through thy faithfulness thou shalt enjoy all those which relate to thy personal benefit and joy, and thy seed shall rise up and call thee blessed. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life and thy salvation sealed on high; for I know that thou wilt never deny the work of the Lord and turn from the holy commandments which he has given for the redemption of his people: Therefore, be faithful, and thy joy shalt be full; for thou shalt be a mother in Israel, and when thy judgment is matured thou shalt teach those of thy sex those things which the virtuous and the pure in heart love to observe; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, December 9, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:6]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jenkins Salisbury]

Jenkins Salisbury, son-in-law of Joseph Smith, senior, was born in [blank]

This man, at the time of receiving his blessing, was not a member of the church, having been cast out because of intemperance.

Jenkins, my son-in-law, my heart, as it were, bleeds for thee; for thou hast turned thy back upon the cause of God: thou hast conducted thyself wickedly, and brought a reproach upon the Church, because thou art a member of my family. Thou hast been called to preach the gospel, and warn this generation of their approaching end, if they repent not, but thou hast turned thy back upon the holy commandment, and suffered thyself to be led into darkness. O, my son, repent, repent, for the voice of the Lord is unto thee, even in sharpness, repent, repent. If thou wilt turn and humble thyself, the Lord will yet bless thee, and thou shalt go forth in his name and do great good; yea, if thou wilt humble thyself with all thy heart and cleave unto the covenants which thou hast made, thy former sins will not be remembered, and thou shalt be a mighty man in the earth, and call many souls into the Kingdom.

Thou shalt receive of the blessings of my father Joseph; thou shalt receive an inheritance with thy children, even in Zion, and they shall rise up and call thee blessed, but if thou doest not this, I leave my blessing upon thy children, and they shall inherit it. Therefore, my son, go thy way, and do according to these blessings, and thou shalt receive according to the same, and if not, behold, I take them away, but thy seed shall inherit them for thy friends' sake, and thy name shall not be blotted out from the earth; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:7]

[Patriarchal blessing of Katharine Smith Salisbury]

Katharine Salisbury, wife of Jenkins Salisbury, and daughter of Joseph Smith, senior, was born in Lebanon, Grafton County, New Hampshire, July 28, 1813.

Katharine, my daughter, Thy care and thy anxiety for thy parents from thy youth are not forgotten: they are fresh in my mind. My heart mourns for thee in consequence of the transgression of thy husband; yea, my soul is grieved that he should suffer himself to be lead away from his holy calling: nevertheless, I say unto thee as I said unto him: if he will repent he shall be restored, and yet be an honor to the cause of the Lord and to the holy ministry. Thou shalt see many days of joy and consolation, for the days of prosperity shall come. Thou shalt have an inheritance with my family in the land of Zion, and thy seed after thee shall remain to the end, because of thy diligence and faithfulness before the Lord. I seal upon thee a father's blessing, and promise that thy name shall be had in remembrance among the pure in heart; for thou shalt live to a good old age, and depart to rest with thy Redeemer when thou art satisfied with this life; but before thou shalt go hence, even when thy judgment is perfected, thou shalt teach the young of thy sex virtue and sobriety, and those things which are duties of wives and mothers; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, Ohio, December 9, 1835 [1834]. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:7]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lucy Smith]

Lucy Smith, daughter of Joseph Smith sen. was born in Palmyra, Ontario County, New York, July 18, 1821.

Lucy, my child, even my youngest child, the child of my old age: thou hast been a comfort to my

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heart, and I have besought the Lord for blessings for thee in much prayer and fasting, for thou art a child, even a youth, surrounded with the follies and vanities of the Gentiles; therefore thou needest those to watch over thee who are experienced and wise. And now, this is the blessing which I have obtained for thee: thou shalt be spared to a good old age, and rise up to call thy father blessed, and so shall thy children bless thee: thou shalt be blessed with my other children, with an inheritance in the land of Zion, for thee and thy seed after thee. Thou shalt have the desires of thy heart in righteousness. Thou shalt be of worth among thy sex, after thou hast had experience. Thou shalt be taught much wisdom and learning: Thou shalt have dreams and visions: the holy angels shall minister unto thee. My child, I seal a father's blessing upon thee: thou art the fruit of my loins, even in my old age, and thou art numbered among the chosen seed. Thou art sealed up to eternal life; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, Ohio, December 9, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:8]

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Blessings by Joseph Smith Sr.
Dated 1835

(Includes, as Indicated, Blessings by Joseph Smith Jr., Oliver Cowdery, and John Smith)

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph C. Kingsbury (February 18, 1835)]

Blessing of Joseph C. Kingsbury, born in Enfield, Hartford County Ct. May 2d A.D. 1812.

Brother Joseph, I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce a father's blessing upon thee; The Lord loveth thee and the heaven is full of blessings for thee, and thou art blessed because of thy diligence in keeping the commandments of the Lord. Thou shalt be blessed and thy posterity after thee. Thou shalt go forth and thy tongue shalt be loosed, thy mouth shall be open and thou shalt be an instrument in bringing many to a knowledge of the truth. Thou shalt have power with God and thy heart shall expand like Enoch's and thou shalt stand upon mount Zion when the Lord shall come These blessings I Pronounce and seal upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:68]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Murdock (February 20, 1835)]

Blessing of John Murdock who was Born July 15th 1792 in the town of Kortright, Delaware County N.Y.

Brother, Thou art blessed of the Lord and shall have a parental blessing, even the blessing of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, and thy children also shall be blessed of the Lord. The holy priesthood after the holy order of God shall be established with thy children and thy children's children, unto the end of the earth, and thou shall be healed of the infirmities of thy body. Thou shalt have power to bring souls unto Jesus by proclaiming the gospel, till the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory. and if thine enemies cast thee into prison it shall not hold thee. If thou cleavest to the Lord and desirest with all thy heart, thou shall be wafted to glory in a chariot of fire like Elijah of old. Thou shall be blessed with many blessings. Thou shalt go forth in the spirit and power of the Lord in winning souls unto Christ and great shall be thy reward even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:61]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jared Carter on February 24, 1835]

Jared Carter was born in Killingworth, Middleton County, Connecticut, Jan. 14, 1801.

Brother Jared, in the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands upon thee: for blessed art thou: thou art like the brother of Jared, in days of old, because of thy faith and desires. Thou art a chosen vessel of God, and appointed in these last days to establish righteousness, and bring to pass much restoration among those

that sit in darkness. For thou shalt yet have much wisdom, if thou art faithful in thy calling and ministry. Thou shalt be mighty, that no power of earth or hell shall harm thee; for thou shalt prevail with thy God to the obtaining this blessing, that thy life may be secured to thee if thou art wise: thou shalt escape destruction by famine and pestilence, and sword: thou shalt see much affliction among the inhabitants of the earth, and many of the wicked shall seek thy life: and if thou wilt keep the commandments of the Lord, thou shall be able by the power of faith to pass through waters, to make thy escape, and lead many of the saints of the most high to the place of refuge; for there is no power that shall stay thee.

The arm of God shall sustain thee: and if necessary thou shalt pass through the fire without being harmed; for the Lord hath spoken unto thee, and thou need not fear. Thou shalt proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth, even to nations thou knowest not of, if thou desire it, and proclaim to them in their own language. Thou shalt stand in the midst of calamity and destruction and not be harmed. If thou shalt endure in faith thou shalt have power and the trees shall obey thee, and the waters shall turn from their former courses, and the rough places be made smooth: and nothing shall be too great if thou wilt walk humbly before the Lord: For thus says the voice of the Spirit unto thee: "I am the Lord thy God, and I have spoken unto thee." And thou shalt stand upon the earth till the heavens shall be revealed and the Son of Man descends in flaming fire. These promises and blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ; even so Amen

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, February 24, 1835, and recorded in this book December 31, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:28-29]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lydia Carter on February 24, 1835]

Lydia Carter, wife of Jared Carter, was born in Hinesburgh, Chittenden County, Vermont, March 28, 1801.

Sister Carter, I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce the blessings of the Lord upon thee in common with thy husband; for thou shalt receive a portion of his blessing. Thy children shall be a consolation and a support unto thee, and blessed to the last generation; for thou shalt have thy desire, and thy joy shall be full. Because of the covenants of thy fathers thou shalt be gathered with the just to inherit the land of the Lord: and thou shalt also inherit eternal life. These, with all other needy blessings, I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus of Nazareth; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, February 24, 1835, and recorded in this book December 31, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:29]

[Patriarchal blessing of Eliza C. Brown on March 12, 1835]

Eliza C. Brown was born in Sherburn, Chenango County, New York, October 5, 1808

My young sister in the Lord, thou hast come out from thy mother's family and from among thy kindred & friends and hast come here for the sake of the gospel, and thy motives have been pure from the beginning. I lay my hands upon thy head and I bless thee in the name of the Lord, for the Lord loves thee, and I say unto thee thou art blessed of the Lord and thou shalt be blessed. The heavens are filled with blessings for thee, and they shall rest upon thee. And a father's blessing I pronounce upon thee, as thou hast no father. And inasmuch as thou desirest thou shalt have an agreeable companion and he shall be a comfort and a blessing to thee, both in youth and in old age. And thy life shall be long and thou shalt see great things transpire in the earth — and thy posterity shall be blessed. Thy name is written in heaven and thy life is secured unto thee, and thou shalt rest in the celestial kingdom. Keep the words of wisdom that thy temporal salvation may be sure; even so. Amen.

Given in Kirtland, March 12, 1835, and recorded in this book Dec. 18, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:23]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ira Ames on March 13, 1835:]

Brother Ames. I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that the Lord may grant thee long life. that thou mayest labor in the vin[e]yard. Behold thou shalt see afflictions. persecutions and things that will cause thee to mourn. Thou hast yet to become a new man all together. Thou shalt receive the ministration of Angels, and the Lord shall uphold thee. Thou shalt be in the midst of pestilence, war and bloodshed. And the Lord shall preserve thee. Thou art enitiated [initiated] into the family of Joseph And shall be one of the Horns of Joseph to push the people togethe[r] from the ends of the Earth. Thou shalt live til[l] thou art satisfied with life and shall yet see many good days, and thou shalt labor for Zion. And the Lord shall bless thee with a multiplicity of blessings. And thy posterity shall be blessed with thy blessings Even the Holy Ministry. Amen.

Given by Joseph Smith Sen in Kirtland March 13th 1834 [1835].

[Patriarchal blessing of Ann R. Brown on March 19, 1835]

Ann R. Brown was born in Dresden, Washington County, New York, August 20, 1816.

Sister Ann, in the name of the Lord I lay my hands upon your head and bless you; and inasmuch as you have no earthly father you shall receive a father's blessing under my hand: and inasmuch as you left your native land and have come out hither to live with the people of God I now seal upon your head long life and good days, for your name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Your prayers have ascended up on high and God has heard them and he will answer, and holy angels shall minister to you to comfort you, and your name shall never be blotted out if you strive to keep the commandments of God. You shall be blessed, for you shall receive a companion while in youth, and you shall see and enjoy good days together, for he shall be a godly man, and you shall walk hand in hand in righteousness together, and your posterity shall rise up and call you blessed. All these blessings I seal upon you in the name of the Lord. Amen.

W. E. M'Lellin, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, March 19, 1835, and recorded in this book, Dec. 18, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recor'r. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:23]

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Rolfe on March 19, 1835]

Samuel and Elizabeth Rolfe's Blessing.

Bother Rolfe, I now lay my hands upon you in the name of Jesus that you may receive a father's blessing. You are blessed with the blessing of Abraham, and you are now numbered with his seed. And if you are humble and faithful before the Lord the blessings of heaven and earth are yours; and if you desire it and seek it with all your heart you shall yet have mighty faith, even like the brother of Jared of old. And by the power of the holy priesthood you are now sealed up unto eternal life. These blessings I seal upon you and they shall continue upon your children to the latest posterity; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:23]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Rolfe on March 19, 1835]

Sister Rolfe, in the name of the Lord Jesus I pronounce a father's blessing upon you in common with your husband; although you shall see great trouble in your day, for you shall stand in the midst of pestilence — but if you are faithful you shall not fall, because your name is now written in heaven. Your children,

when afflicted, shall be healed by the prayer of faith. And all the blessings of heaven are yours if you seek them with all your heart; even so. Amen.

W. E. M'Lellin, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, March 19, 1835, and recorded in this book December 18, 1835. The ages of the above named man and wife were not furnished by the clerk. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:23]

[Patriarchal blessing of Aseneth Sherman¹ (April 3, 1835)]

Sister Sherman In as much as thou hast been obedient to the commandments thou has come out from the world in the name of J S [Jesus Christ] I bless thee with the blessings of thy progenitors [progenitors] and with a father[']s blessing and thou shalt be blest in thine old age and thy life is sacred to thee for the Lord shall keep it and shall minister unto thee and thou shalt be gathered to thy fathers in a good old age and thy children shall call thee blessed and I ask my heavenly father to seal [it upon thee] Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Lyman Sherman² (April 3, 1835)]

Brother L. S. [Lyman Sherman] I lay my hands upon thy head in this [the] name of Jesus Christ and inasmuch as thou hast no father God shall be thy father and he shall comfort thee and it has been promised too that thou shalt go forth and the Lord shall minister unto [thee] and thou shalt have power to command the waters and thou shalt cause the earth to tremble for thou art one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together and in the name of [Jesus Christ] I pronounce these blessings upon thee and upon thy children to the latest generation and I ask my heavenly father to seal it Even So Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Deleena Sherman (April 3, 1835)]

Sister [Sherman] I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of [Jesus Christ] to bless thee and thou shalt receive a blessing with thy husband and the Lord shall bless thee so thy heart shall be drawn after the good of souls so thou shalt be with thy Husband shall go to declare the things of the kingdom and he shall return yea many times shall he return and at the end of his labors he shall return and you shall be blest together and thy soul shall be blessed with all the blessings of heaven In as much as thou shalt ask in righteousness and these things I promise to thee and I ask my heavenly father to seal them from a comfort to thee and thy children and thy children[']s [children] Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Cormelia Sherman (April 3, 1835)]

Sis[ter] Sherman I lay my hands [upon thy head] in the name of J. C. [Jesus Christ] and I pronounce a father[']s blessing up[on] thee thou art in thy youth and I say unto thee keep the commandments of God for Satan shall seek to destroy thee but he shall not overcome in as much as thou art faithfull and thou shalt be blessed with long life even until thou art satisfied there with Thy name is written in heaven nevermore to be blotted out if faithfull and in the end of thy days thou shalt be gathered home to thy father and I ask my heavenly father to seal these [things upon thee] Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Almira Sherman (April 3, 1835)]

Sister I pronounce upon thy head the blessing of a father Thou hast had much affliction because of th[y] father and thou shalt be delivered from that curse and receive the blessing through the Prst [Priest-

1. It is possible that the date of the blessings given on April 3 should be April 8 or 9. The wording of these blessings is a synopsis of the patriarchal blessings received by each individual.

2. Two other copies of this blessing have minor wording differences.

hood] of M [Melchizedek] and now thou [shalt] be blest of the [Lord] and yea thou art blessed of the [Lord] and if thou art faithful thou shalt come off conquero[r]s and thou shalt be saved when the Lord shall [come] and these blessings with all thy heart can desire in righteousness are thine Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan Sherman (April 3, 1835)]

I lay my hands upon thy head and I say in his name lift up thy head and rejoice for the Lord has seen thine affliction in the days of thy youth because thou hast sought to keep his commandments and thou shalt be blessed and thy tounge [tongue] shall be loosed so thou canst speak the praise of God and thou shalt be blessed and God shall be thy father and he shall bless thee with a father[']s blessings and at last seal you His and these blessings I give you in the name of J C [Jesus Christ] and thou shalt receive a crown of righteousness Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Johnson (April 3, 1835)]

I lay my hands [upon thy head] in the name of J C [Jesus Christ] thou shalt be blest of the Lord for thy father has sought to destroy thy peace because thou hast been mindfull of the Lord and thou hast been deprived of the E [?] but the Lord shall comfort thee and Satan shall not overcome [thee] angels shall minister unto [thee] if thou shalt seek it with thy heart Thy tounge [tongue] shall be loosed and thy name is written in heaven and I ask the Lord to seal it there and thou shalt be blest with heaven[']s blessings Even So Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Marlow Everets (April 3, 1835)]

I lay my hands [upon thy head] I pronounce even the blessing of A. I. J. [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob] and blessings shall C [Come] upon thy head and the heads of thy seed if thou shalt have any and the time shall come when thou shalt be called to declare the word of God and if thou shalt be faithfull thou shalt be blest with the blessings of heaven and in the name of J. C. [Jesus Christ] I seal these blessings upon thee and thy posterity Even So Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Benjamin F. Johnson³ (April 3, 1835)]

Benjamin I lay my hands upon thee for thou hast a right to it and I bless thee with the blessings of a father in as much as thou shalt obey the covenants of the L [Lord] and thou shalt receive the mission which thy brother S [Seth] has been taken from and if faithfull thou shalt be crowned with many sheaves and thou must prepare thy heart and go forth into the waters of Baptism and thou shalt receive his blessings of heaven and at last be crowned in the celestial kingdom Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Johnson (April 3, 1835)]

If thou wilt listen to the voice of [wisdom thou shalt] see the Lord and thou wilt follow the Redeemer into the waters of Baptism thou shalt be blest with the blessings of a father and pre adventure the Lord will give [thee] thy father and I ask my heavenly father to seal thee His and I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of the J. C. [Jesus Christ] Even So Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Almon Sherman (April 3, 1835)]

Thou hast not opened thy mouth as thou ought to have done but if thou wilt humble thyself thou

3. This blessing to sixteen-year-old Benjamin was pronounced shortly before he was baptized in the Church.

shalt be blest with a Father[']s Blessing for the Lord has tried thee and thy desires mostly have been pure and the Lord shall bless thee and he shall be thy father and thy tounge [tongue] shall be loosed and thou shalt be blest with many sheaves and thou shalt lead many to Zion and they shall call thee blessed and thou shalt be blest with all things which thou covets in righteousness desire and thou shalt go forth and none shall have power to stop thy ministry nor take thy life until thou shalt lay it down for the cause of Christ and in the name of the Lord these [things] are yours if you seek them with all thy heart Even So Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of John Corrill on April 8, 1835]

John Corrill was born in Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, September 17, 1794.

In the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm a father's blessing upon thee, and thou shalt receive the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Lord has looked down upon thee, even from eternity, and he shall be thy Father, and he shall throw his arms around thee & shall protect thee, and thou shalt be delivered from persecution; for thou hast had thy portion—for thou hast already come up through much tribulation: but thou shalt have much sorrow because of the tenderness of thy heart, in seeing the affliction of others, and the distress and destructions upon the world. Thy life shall be secured unto thee, and no power shall be able to take it from thee. Thou shalt not be destroyed by wars, mobs, nor wicked men: for thou art a chosen vessel unto God to proclaim the gospel: thy tongue shall be loosed, and thy words shall pierce, even to the heart of thy enemies, and thou shalt stand upon the earth and preach the word as long as there is an ear upon earth to hear it. And thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion and thy children after thee. Thou shalt arise triumphant and shalt soar above death, the grave, and all temporal things, if thou keepest all the commandments.

Thy name is written in heaven, and thou shalt be blessed: and thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart. Thou shalt overcome thine enemies, and as it were tread upon their necks. The heavens shall be open to thy view and thou shalt gaze upon them and behold the things of eternity — by faith and with thine eyes thou shalt see it, as Enoch did, and thy heart shall expand like his. These things I confirm upon thy head in the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And thy wife shall receive a blessing in common with thee, as I cannot see her, and thou shalt write it unto her in a letter, and it shall comfort her heart, and she shall be blessed with the benefits of the holy priesthood as long as she lives, and thy children shall be a comfort and a blessing unto her: & these blessings shall be upon thy children, and upon thy children's children, down to the latest generations, and they shall be entitled to an inheritance in Zion; even so, in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Wm. E. M'Lelln, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, April 8, 1835, and recorded in this book Dec. 17, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:22-23]

[Patriarchal blessing of Orson Pratt on April 29, 1835]

Orson Pratt was born in Hartford, Washington County, New York, September 19, 1811.

Orson, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head to secure unto thee the blessings which thou oughtest to claim at the hands of thy natural father; but inasmuch as his mind is not perfectly strong, in consequence of infirmities [infirmities], and is also abscent [absent] from this place, that thou mayest rejoice in the assurance of the blessings of the Lord, I therefore confer them upon thee, for thou art entitled to them, even the blessings of Jacob, who was called Israel, and they shall come upon thee and upon thy posterity; for it is the great commandment that man should multiply and raise up seed to inherit his name, in righteousness: therefore inasmuch as this shall be thy desire, in due time, thou shalt also be blessed.

The Lord has looked upon thee in his mercy, and watched over thee for good: he has held thy life

precious and prolonged thy days that he might send thee whithersoever he would to do his will. Thou hast been called and chosen to act in an important station in the kingdom of thy God, and thou shalt go forth in mighty power and Satan shall not have power over thee to tempt thee above that thou wilt be able to bear, nor to lead thee astray, because thou hast hitherto been faithful in thy ministry and brought to pass much righteousness. Thou shalt go forth to the ends of the earth and lift up thy voice to the nations, and as with the voice of the angel of God proclaim the fulness of the gospel, and speak forth marvelous things. Thou shalt have power to work mighty miracles in the name of Christ, even that I might say, that thou shalt raise the dead, if needful, to accomplish thy mission, and there shall be nothing too great for thee to do. Thou shalt bring many souls to the knowledge of the truth, and tarry till the Savior comes, and then thou shalt be received into the celestial kingdom of God and dwell in his presence forever. Be faithful in keeping the commandments of God in all things, and these blessings shall come upon thee and overtake thee; even so. Amen.

Thomas B. Marsh, Wm. E. M'Lelin. Clerks. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, April 29, 1835. and recorded October 13, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:21]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonathan H. Hale on April 30, 1835]

Patriarchal Blessing given by Patriarch Joseph Smith Sr. April 30, 1835, in Kirtland, Ohio, upon the head of Johnathan N. [H.] Hale, born in Bradford, Essex County, Mass. Feb. 1, 1800.

Brother Hale in the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head and I confer upon thee a Father's blessing, for thou art honest hearted and thou hast been honest from thy youth, for the eye of the Lord has been upon thee and thou art blessed and thou shalt be blessed for thy willingness to leave thy family and home and consecrate thy all in the service of thy God, and thou shalt be sustained with corn, wine and oil. Thou art of the blood of Israel, and the power of the Melchizedek Priesthood shall come upon thee. Thou shalt see thousands fall by the side, and tens of thousands on thy right hand; but the Lord shall have power over thee to harm thee.

Thou shalt see the heavens open and view the glories of the upper world. Thou shalt call upon thy God and shalt have power to get revelation. Thou shalt speak forth marvelous things, and mountains shall flee before thee, rivers of water shall be turned out of their courses, and waters shall be divide at thy word, if necessary. Prison walls shall fall at thy command and nothing shall hinder thee from filling thy mission; for thou shalt speak the words of God in power. Thou shalt have power to remain in the flesh and stand when the Lord unveils His face, and thou shalt receive a crown of Celestial Glory in the Kingdom of thy God. All these blessings shall be thine, if thou art faithful in Jesus Christ our Lord. So let your heart rejoice. Even so — Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Erastus Babbit in April 1835]

Erastus Babbit was born in Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, September 15, 1792.

I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and I ask my heavenly Father to bless thee. In the own due time of the Lord thou shalt be ordained to a higher office, and thy mouth shall be opened and thy tongue shall be loosed to preach the gospel. Shalt have power to govern thy family and teach them the ways of righteousness; and also thou shalt have power to bestow upon them a father's blessing when thou canst do no more for them. Thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of the earth, even the blessings of Joseph, which shall extend to the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills. Thou shalt also have great faith, even like unto the brother of Jared. Let thy heart become a heart of flesh — remember thy Redeemer who suffered much. I seal the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob upon thee. Thou shalt have power to release

thyself from bondage in the own due time of the Lord. — and be saved in the kingdom of God. All these things are sealed upon thee and are thine if thou art faithful to thy God. Amen.

Given Kirtland, Ohio, April, 1835, and recorded in this book, December 12, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:22]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lorenzo Barnes on May 3, 1835]

Patriarchal blessing of Lorenzo Barnes received under the hand of Pres Joseph Smith Sen Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints Kirtland Ohio May 3 1835 Lo[renzo] Barnes was born March 22, 1812 in Tolland or Hamden Co Mass[a]chusetts

I lay my hands on thee in the name of Jesus Christ & pronounce the blessing of a Patriarch on thy head thou horn of Joseph Thou hast taken thy life in thine hand & hast not withheld it even from laying it down for thy brethren for thou hast been tried even as Abraham. Thou art like Joseph of old who was sepperated [separated] from his brethren. The Lord shall be with Thee and the blessings of Joseph and the blessings of Jacob his father; shall come upon thy head; and upon the heads of thy children & thy children's children to there [their] latest generation. Thou art a descendant of Joseph and thou shalt go forward & proclaim the Gospel and win thousands of souls. Thou shalt go through many trials in thy ministry. Thine enemies shall compass thee on the right hand & on the left and seek to take away thy life even as the wicked sought [sought] the life of thy Redeemer but thy life shall be secured unto thee (if faithful) and thou shalt overcome for the Lord has looked on thee from a child.

Thy Name is written in Heaven and thou art a chosen vessel to win souls and thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart. Thy wisdom and thy understanding shall be great even ac[c]ording to thy desires for thou shalt be endowed with power from on high and by thy faith thou shalt do great things in the Earth. Thou shalt be blest with blessings of heaven above and blessings of Earth beneath blessings of life Temporal and Eternal life yea thou shalt stand when wickedness is swept of[f] from the Earth even with thy brethren the hundred & forty & four thousand sealed out of out of [sic] the Twelve Tribes of Israel. These blessings I confirm upon thy head and I pray my Heavenly Father to confirm them upon thee even so amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Isaac Morley on May 4, 1835]

Isaac Morley was born in Montague, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, March 11th, 1786.

Brother Morley, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and seal upon thy head a patriarchal blessing, because thy father is like the father of Abraham, and has turned to idols: therefore, I bless thee as Melchizedek blessed Abraham, and thy children after thee while the earth remains because of thy diligence. Thou hast been willing to lay down thy life in the cause of God, and hast given all thy substance for the same. Thy name shall be great and shall be handed down to posterity as such. The heavens are full of blessings for thee, and the angels rejoice over thee. Thy name is written in heaven and shall never be blotted out. Thou shalt live to see the heavens open and see thy God in the flesh. Thou shalt overcome. The Lord will uphold thee, and his angels shall bear thee up in their hands. Thy days shall be many, and thou shalt yet do great good in the cause of thy God. And if thou wilt desire it, thou shalt have thy desire, — thou shalt live to see the Son of Man come in the clouds of heaven, and the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt see the calamities which are to befall this generation, and shall or will desire to depart and go to thy God and rest in paradise.

Thy wife shall also be blessed and receive an equal portion with thee: she shall be faithful in prayer, and if thy children are afflicted with sickness in thy absence, she shall have power to heal them by the prayer of faith; and after thou hast performed one mission, which the Lord shall send thee upon, thou shalt return

and enjoy their society in peace, for this is thy desire, and this thou shalt have, if thou art faithful, even the society of thy family; and they shall grow up upon the Land of Zion to possess it from generation to generation forever, and they shall never be blotted out; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given May 4th, 1835, and recorded in this book December 19, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:24]

[Patriarchal blessing of Seymour Brunson on May 4, 1835]

Seymour Brunson was born in Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York, December 1, 1798.

Brother Brunson, I lay my hands upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou desirest to serve, and pronounce upon thy head those blessings which thou hast desired when thy heart was right before the Lord — but thy mind has not always been right before the Lord, for thou hast been severe with thy brethren of the church, those whom thou hast been instrumental in bringing into the faith, and hast remembered justice, at times, more than mercy. But if thou wilt be humble thou shalt reclaim those whom thou hast once brought into the church, but are now cast out because of thy severity, and they shall regain their former confidence in thee.

I pronounce upon thee a father's blessing, for thou art of the seed of Abraham, and I pronounce upon thee Jacob['s] blessing — Now, Jacob's blessing was twofold — he received of the blessings of heaven, and of the earth; and I pronounce them upon thy head. And thy wife shall be blessed in common with thee, and if she will humble herself she shall be blessed more abundantly. If thou wilt listen to the counsels of the Lord, thou shalt be made mighty before him; for thou shalt yet proclaim the gospel to those who have not heard — even those who do not understand thy language, neither dost thou understand their's. Thou shalt travel from country to country, among heathen nations; and if thou art diligent in keeping the commandments of the Lord thy God, thou shalt call many into his kingdom. Thou shalt have power to escape the hands of thine enemies, and triumph in the arm of deliverance, and even if thou shouldst be called to give thy life for the cause of God, after thy mission is fulfilled, thou shalt receive a crown of life; even so, Amen.

Given in Kirtland, May 4th, 1835, and recorded in this book December 21, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recor[d]er. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:25-26]

[Patriarchal blessing of Calvin Beebe on May 4, 1835]

Calvin Beebe was born in Paris, Oneida County, New-York, July 1, 1800.

Brother Beebe, I lay my hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and I ask my heavenly Father in his name, to put thoughts into my heart, and words into my mouth, that I may bless thee; for the heavens are full of blessings for thee, and thou shalt receive them. Thou hast, in thy heart, asked the Lord for thine old acquaintances and neighbors: wherefore, the Lord will save some of them; and thou shalt also be instrumental in saving many souls, and have much joy in the fruit of thy labors. The days of thy mourning shall be ended, and thy soul shall rejoice and sing praises to thy God, and thy heart shall be full of joy; for great shall be thy blessings: for behold thou shalt have the blessings of time and eternity. Thou hast asked thy God to let thee tarry till the Son of Man comes: and if thou art faithful, and keep all the commandments of the Lord thou shalt have thy desire.

And because of thy diligence thus far in keeping the commandments, the Lord will remember thee: and thine eyes shall see the redemption of Zion, and thou shalt possess it, and thy children after thee, and they shall rise up and claim their inheritance in it. And these blessings shall rest upon them as long as one drop of thy blood runs in their veins. Thou shalt have great power to fulfil thy calling and ministry. By thy faith thou mayest escape the hands of thine enemies; and no fiery furnace can harm thee, neither prisons nor

tortures annoy thee. And God shall be thy Father. And it is thy privilege to be caught up in a chariot of fire, and not sleep in the dust. — And because of the afflictions that thou hast received with thy friends, in being driven from your homes, the Lord will have mercy upon thee, and grant unto thee the desires of thy heart. The day of thy rejoicing will soon come; for the days of thine afflictions and mornings are soon to close. Thou mayest rejoice from henceforth; for thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life, and shall never be blotted out, except for transgression. Thy wife shall also be blessed with thee, and have a part with thee in all these blessings, according to her station; even so. Amen.

Given in Kirtland, May 4, 1835, and recorded in this book Dec. 21, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:26]

[Patriarchal blessing of Edward Partridge on May 4, 1835]

Edward Partridge was born at Pittsfield Berkshire Co Massachu[se]tts Aug 27th 1793 and received the following Patriarchal blessing under the hands of Joseph Smith the evangelist at Kirtland Ohio May 4th 1835

Br[other]. Partridge let thy heart sink down in humility; give thyself up into the hands of thy God and be willing to receive the blessings that he is willing to bestow upon thee. I lay my hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ and confer a patriarchal blessing upon thee because thou hast no father that can bestow it upon thee. I confirm upon thee the same blessings which were confirmed upon Abraham and Isaac and Jacob; and Joseph and his posterity; and they shall rest upon thee and thy children after thee unto the latest generations, for thou art a chosen man of God, who did look upon thee before the foundation of the world, and has set thee apart to do good in his cause.

Thou art of the seed of Abraham through the loins of Joseph and the tribe of Ephraim. The Lord will bless thee with the ministration of angels because of the integrity of thy heart, and thy willingness to obey his commandments. Thou art one of the horns of Joseph that are to push the people together from the ends of the earth. And thou shalt be instrumental in a saving, and some of thy friends shall be given thee if thou art faithful. Thy name shall be sealed among the sanctified; The Lord will preserve thy life till a good old age, and thou shalt also live to see the heavens opened, for thou hast desired this thing, and shalt see the Son of man in the flesh. Thy heart shall be enlarged from this very hour; thou shalt have great wisdom to execute thy mission and calling. Thou shalt perform great miracles and shall have faith even like unto the brother of Jared. Thy wife shall be blessed also and receive the desire of her heart; she shall have night visions and thereby know of thy welfare in thine absence; thy family shall be preserved in health and thou shalt return to them to enjoy their society after thou hast performed thy mission. Thy tongue shall soon be loosed and thou shalt have great power to speak beyond any thing of which thou hast thought.

Thy name is written in heaven and will not be blotted out except for willful transgression. Thou shalt live to see the redemption of Zion and rejoice upon the goodly land; thou shalt inherit it and thy seed after thee to the latest generations while the earth remains. Thou shalt stand in thy office until thou art weary of it and shall desire to resign it thou mayest rest, for a little season. I seal upon thee these blessings in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Amen.

**[Patriarchal blessing of George A. Smith given by John Smith
on May 31, 1835, and approved by Joseph Smith Sr.:]**

A Blessing by John Smith, given Kirtland, Ohio, May 31, 1835; Joseph Smith Sen. Patriarch being mouth; afterwards written by John Smith and approved by Joseph Smith Sen. Kirtland, Ohio. May 31, 1835

A Blessing by John Smith, upon the head of his son George Albert Smith, born June 26th. 1817, in Potsdam, St. Lawrence co. New York.

George my son I lay my hands upon thy head to confer a Father's blessing upon thee; and I ask my Heavenly Father to [illegible] matter that will be well pleasing in his sight, and I do this in the name of Jesus, being called to administer in that name; the Lord thy God hath looked upon thee even before thou wast born and narrowly watched and preserved thee until the present moment; He has called thee to His holy work, even the work of the ministry in the days of thy youth; thou hast laid down thy life for thy brethren, the Lord hath received thine offerings and thou shalt be blessed, and as thy calling is to go from land to land and from Sea to Sea, and from Island to Island, to preach the unsearchable riches of the Gospel of Christ, to this backslid[d]en generation,

I declare unto you my son inasmuch as you give diligent heed to keeping the commandments of the Lord and live by every word that proceedeth out of his mouth, although thou shalt see much trouble and affliction, thou shalt be delivered from thine enemies and from all thine affliction and thou shalt be a mighty man in the earth, even like unto Alma of old, who by faith caused prison walls to fall to the ground, that they could not hold him, and like Ammon who by the power of his words caused Kings to fall prostrate before him, and even the man who raised his sword to slay him fell dead at his feet; thou shalt preach before the wise and the learned even kings and rulers, many shall bow down before you, and some will even worship you, if you do not tell them better; thou shalt be an instrument in the hands of the Lord, in bringing thousands to the knowledge of the truth and lead them to Zion; you shall do mighty miracles in the name of the Lord, to the astonishment of all who are about you; if you desire it you shall have a posterity in the Earth; thy children shall be mighty and shall remain while the earth shall stand, and shall rise up and call you blessed; the Lord thy God hath given his Angels charge over you to keep you, and Angels shall minister unto you and console you in time of trouble;

you shall have blessing upon blessing, all things are yours, Heaven is yours, Christ with all the riches of eternity are yours; the Earth is the Lord's with the fullness thereof, and He will give you all you desire in righteousness, and you shall be satisfied with all these things; thy name is written in Heaven and sealed by the finger of God never to be blotted out, and you shall have the blessings of the Celestial world; moreover you shall have an inheritance in Zion; and if you desire it, you shall see the winding up scene when the Heavens shall be unveiled, and you shall see the face of the Lord and fly to meet him in the cloud; and from this hour your mind shall begin to expand and continue so to do, until you shall comprehend all things; you shall also be healed of all thy bodily infirmities, and thou shalt be qualified to magnify thine office with dignity before the Lord; not many days hence thy tongue shall be unloosed, so as to astonish thyself and wisdom shall direct you at all times; now my son thou art very young, be sober minded, beware of pride and light mindedness, put away light and trifling conversation, and laughter, which are not good, beware of the vanities of youth, for many will seek to lead thee away from the path of righteousness, which will destroy you if you give heed to their flatteries, but inasmuch as you are diligent in keeping the commandments of the Lord, walking in all lowliness before him, and pray without ceasing, all these blessings shall be yours and I seal them upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. Remember the words of an aged Father.

Recorded by Richard Bentley G. S. L. [Great Salt Lake] City Feb 15. 1859 [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:143-144]

[Patriarchal blessing of Burr Riggs on June 7, 1835]

Burr Riggs was born in Oxford, New Haven County, Connecticut, April 17, 1811.

Brother Burr, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus, and my heart desires to

bless thee: and I ask my heavenly Father to prepare thy heart, and mine, that thou mayest be blessed. And I seal upon thy head a father's blessing, for thee and thy children after thee: inasmuch as thou art a son of Zion, thou shalt have a place among thy brethren in Zion, for thee and for thy children after thee unto the latest generation. And inasmuch as thou hast been up to Zion, and hast, in so doing, offered to lay down thy life for thy brethren, thy life is secured unto thee: thou shalt be kept from the hand of the destroying angel. And I seal thee up unto eternal life. Thou shalt be mighty: the heavens shall be opened unto thee while thou art in the flesh, and thine shall behold the upper worlds; and thou shalt stand upon the earth, in the flesh, when the Savior comes.

Thou shalt go forth to gather the people to Zion. Thy heart shall be enlarged, thy tongue shall be loosed, and thou shalt have great power in proclaiming the gospel: and thou shalt gather many, and shalt return to Zion with them, with songs of everlasting joy upon thy head. Thou shalt have power over thy enemies, and if need so be thou shalt have power to call down fire from heaven and destroy them, so as thou mayest be delivered out of their hands; for none shall have power over thy life to take it away, unless thou shalt choose to lay it down thyself. Be faithful and thou shalt see the winding up scene of this generation. Amen.

F. G. Williams. Clerk. Given in Kirtland, June 7th, 1835, and recorded Dec. 22, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:26-27]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lovina Susan Riggs in June 1835]

Lovina Susan Riggs, wife of Burr Riggs, was born in Warrensville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, September 20, 1816.

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and bless you with many blessings if you remain faithful and keep all his commandments. Thine eyes shall behold glorious things, and thine heart shall be satisfied. Thou shalt be healed, and shalt live to a good old age if thou continuest in all the Lord's requirements, blameless. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Thou shalt even receive the blessings of thy husband and rejoice with him: thou shalt live to see thy husband return, and thou shalt rejoice with him in the great cause of thy Redeemer. Thou shalt rise in the morning of the resurrection, and shall stand upon mount Zion with the sanctified. I seal these blessings upon thee, and many more, if thou art faithful, in the name of Jesus; even so. Amen.

Wm. W. Phelps Clerk. Given in Kirtland, June, 1835, and recorded Dec. 22, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:27]

[Patriarchal blessing of Peter Dustin on June 7, 1835]

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced upon the head of Peter Dustin in Kirtland June 7th 1835 who was born April 19th 1781 in Grafton New Hampshire.

Brother Dustin in the nam[e] of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands and confirm upon the[e] a blessing of a father and I seal upon thy head the Blessing of a patriarch even the blessing of Abraham Isaac and Jacob I seal them upon thy head for the[e] and for thy Children after the[e] untill the latest Generation if thou art faithfull in Keeping all the commandments of God, and faileth not in any thing to do his will thou Shalt have power over thy children to bring them into the Kingdom of heaven and the blessings of heaven and of earth Shall be thine, thy tounge [tongue] Shall be loosed if thou will be bold and fear not and will let thy heart expand and thy mind Streach [Stretch] thou Shalt go forth and gather Souls to Jesus & thou Shalt have great power in thy day and in thy generation in proclaiming the gospel thou Shalt gather many Souls to Jesus and thou Shalt rejoice with them in the Kingdom of God forever and ever thy name is writ[t]en in the

lamb[']s book of life thy life shall be prolonged and thy years Shall be many and thou Shalt reign with the Saviour a thousand years upon the earth, I Seal the[e] up unto eternal life and thou Shalt have an inheritance with thy brethren in the land of Zion these blessings I Seal upon thy head in the name of the lord Jesus and thou Shalt have many more if thou art faithfull even So Amen

G. W. Robinson Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:129-130]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyrus Smalling⁴ on June 24, 1835]

[Name erased] was born in Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut, January 8th, 1790.

[Name erased] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee to bless thee, with the blessings of a father, as thou hast no father to bless thee, — and the Lord will bless thee, for he has called thee to a high and holy calling. Thou hast had much affliction and many trials in the society where thou dost belong, and this because of the opposition which thou hast had by one who is appointed to the same office with thyself; yet thou hast strove with all diligence to keep thy brethren together, and the Lord has watched over thee and kept thee because of thy faithfulness; and thy name is written in heaven for angels to gaze upon.

Thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart which are in righteousness; yea, even to stand to see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt claim thy mother, and shalt baptize her and confirm her with thy own hands, and the Spirit of the highest shall descend upon thee. If thou art faithful unto thy calling thou shalt go forth and proclaim the word of truth, and nothing shall stay thee. Yea, even prisons shall not hold thee, except it be for a short season to the glory of God. And thou shalt gather out from Babylon with all thy faithful brethren. All blessings, in righteousness, are thine, and thy children's, and thy children's children, even to the latest generation. And I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

Brother [name erased] thy wife is not present, therefore I lay my hands upon thy head, and I seal upon thee blessings for her, and thou shalt tell her of it that she may rejoice; for the blessings of a father are her's in common with thee: and this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

E. M. Greene, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, June 24, 1835, and recorded in this book Dec. 19, 1835. O. Cowdery, Recor'r.

**[Ordination of Cyrus Smalling to the apostleship of the
First Quorum of the Seventy⁵ on June 30, 1835]**

[Name erased] ordination blessing which he received under the hands of presidents Joseph Smith, Jr. Oliver Cowdery and Sidney Rigdon, in Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio. June 30, 1835 when he was set apart by prophecy to the apostleship of the first Seventy, in the place of Ezra Thayer, who had left the church and the apostleship.

Brother [name erased] in the name of the Lord Jesus we lay our hands upon you, and ordain you to be one of the first seventy, and to stand in the office of elder Ezra Thayer, who by transgression fell, for thou, by the prayer of faith, hast obtained his mission and taken his bishopric. We therefore set thee apart for this mission and ministry, to preach the gospel and testify to this generation of the things which thou

4. From all indications, the individual who received this blessing and was ordained to the office of a seventy six days later was Cyrus Smalling. By a process of elimination of those listed among the seventies, Smalling is the leading candidate. He is listed in the U.S. Census of 1840 as living in Kirtland, Ohio, and being between fifty and sixty years old. The 1860 U.S. Census lists his birth place as Connecticut. Smalling left the LDS Church about December 1837. He was one of the trustees of the Church of Christ that incorporated in January 1838 together with Joseph Coe and Martin Harris.

5. As mentioned in note 4, Cyrus Smalling is the individual ordained.

hast seen and heard. In the name of the Lord, therefore, thou shalt go forth, and his angel shall go with thee whithersoever thou goest; for thou shalt go and nothing shall stay thee. Thou shalt preach to nations that thou knowest not of at this time: thou shalt go to the islands of the seas. When thy locks shall be silvered over with age, thou shalt be renewed that thou shalt receive again the vigor of thy youth and yet stand before the kings of the earth, if thou desireth it.

Thou shalt be a witness for the Lord of the things that thou knowest until the Lord comes in his glory, and thou shalt see him with thine eyes in the flesh; — for the desire of thy heart, in righteousness, shall be granted. Thou shalt go to Europe and preach the gospel to the kings of the earth. Thou shalt stand before bishops, archbishops and lord bishops, and even the pope himself. Thou shalt push together thy thousands: thou shalt proclaim to Catholics, to Presbyterians and all other sects and denominations, and teach bishops, archbishops and popes. Thou shalt be changed in the twinkling of an eye, — and many other blessings that we cannot describe, which the Lord will show thee. Thou art of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. In the name of Jesus we seal these blessings upon thy head through thy diligence, faithfulness, prayer of faith and holy desires; even so. Amen.

Wm. W. Phelps, John Whitmer, Clerks. Recorded in this book Dec. 21, 1835, Oliver Cowdery Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:24-25]

[Patriarchal blessing of Vinson Knight (June 24, 1835)]

Vinson Knight was born in Norwich, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, March 4, 1804.

Brother Knight, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee, and seal upon thy head a father's blessing, which shall be for thee and for thy children, and thy children's children, even to the last generations; and if thou art faithful thou shalt have power to confirm it upon thy children, and thy children shall confirm it upon their children: and thus, by the authority of the holy priesthood, shall the blessings remain to all thy generations. And thou shalt have all the blessings that a father could bestow upon thee were he even here present; for thou art of the seed of Israel, and an heir to the blessings which were pronounce upon the head of Abraham under the hands of Melchisedek and by virtue of my calling in the church. I seal them upon thee. The Lord loves thee; he has looked upon all thy ways, and brought thee thus far that he might make thee useful in his church.

Thy family shall be blessed, and when thy children are afflicted with sickness thou shalt have power to rebuke the disease, and satan shall have no power over them if thou wilt teach them in the ways of righteousness: for thou must attend to their instruction in the principles of the gospel, that at the age of eight years they may be baptized. Thou art a chosen vessel unto the Lord, and if thou art faithful before him thou shalt be sanctified and enjoy a fulness of glory. If thou wilt seek it diligently, by lifting a warning voice, thou shalt yet see many of thy friends embracing the truth and bowing to the requirements of the everlasting gospel. Thou shalt open thy mouth and the Lord shall fill it with words of wisdom upon the principles of righteousness, that thou mayest teach thy fellowmen. And thou shalt have success in this ministry, and words and wisdom to thine own astonishment. The heavens will yet be open before thee, and thou shalt have the minist[er]ing of holy angels. Thy faith shall he increase, becoming more and more perfect, until, by the power of the Holy Spirit, thou shalt behold within the veil. Thou shalt see many afflictions, calamities and wars in thy day; for great tribulations await the wicked, and many desolations must fall upon them. But thou shalt escape if thou art faithful, and the Lord will give thee many great and unspeakable blessings, and grant thee life as long as life shall be for thy good and his name's glory. I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and in his name I seal thee up unto eternal life; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:34]

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha Knight on June 24, 1835]

Martha Knight, wife of Vinson Knight, was born in Chester, Organge County, New York, March 17, 1805.

Sister Knight, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head, and ask for thee a blessing, even a father's blessing. The Lord thy God loves thee, and notwithstanding satan has tempted thee many times and sought thy overthrow, yet thou hast been sustained and upheld by the hand of thy God, because of thy youth and the tenderness of thy mind. Let thy heart now be lifted up that thou mayest receive the desires of the same in blessings. Thou shalt have all blessings in common with thy husband, and thy age shall be as his age, thy comfort as his comfort and thy joy as his joy. Thou hast had many desires for thy friends, and the Lord will hear and answer thy prayers; yea, all the desires of thy heart, for thy friends, shall be given thee, and if thou art faithful to thy covenants, all that thou desirest in righteousness shall be thine; for the Lord delights in blessing the pure and upright in heart. The Lord will teach thee wisdom, and thou shalt have understanding to bring up thy family in the way of truth; but thou must be in subjection to thy husband in all things, according to the law of the Lord. Lift up thy heart in gladness, for great things await thee: thou shalt be satisfied in beholding the glories which shall come upon the faithful in these last days, and thy children shall rise up and call thee blessed. With these blessings I seal thee up unto eternal life, in the name of Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

Evan M. G[r]eene, Clerk, Given in Kirtland, Ohio, June 24, 1835, and recorded, April 14, 1836, Oliver Cowdery, Recorder — . [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:34-35]

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles N. Baldwin on June 30, 1835]

Charles N. Baldwin was born in Wilna, Jefferson County, New York, March 8th, A.D. 1835.

Dear Brother, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus, and seal upon thee the blessings of a father because thy father is not righteous. Thou shalt see all the desires of thy heart, and thy children also. The Lord hath looked upon thee — The Lord shall give thee power to overcome the powers of darkness. Listen to thy teachers, and thou shalt be called to go forth and preach the gospel: angels shall instruct thee, and the Lord shall make thee mighty like unto Enoch, — and like him wafe thyself to the city of Enoch, if thou desire it; but if not thou mayest tarry to the coming of the Son of Man, and be caught up to meet him, and partake of the fulness of celestial glory. Therefore, give thyself to the Lord and he will give thee all things needful. These blessings I seal upon thee and thy children after thee, in the name of Jesus, — even a father's blessing. Amen.

Sylvester Smith, Clerk. Given Kirtland, Ohio, June 30, A.D. 1835. and recorded in this Book December 12, 1835. Oliver Cowdery. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:22]

[Patriarchal blessing of Amos F. Herrick (July 1, 1835)]

Amos F Herrick was born in Berry Massachusetts, February 4, 1797.

Brother Herrick, I lay my hands upon you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and confirm upon you and your posterity the blessings of heaven. You have been faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord, even in your weakness, and the Lord has looked upon you, and you shall be called to the ministry. You have desired the salvavation [salvation] of souls with an exceeding desire; nevertheless, you have mourned in secret-places because of your weakness, and none but the Lord your God knoweth the prayers and desires of your heart, when no eye beheld you but the eye of Omnipotence. Therefore, you shall be an instrument in the hands of God of bringing many souls into the celestial kingdom. Your tongue shall be

loosed so that you shall preach marvelously. The Lord shall appear unto you and you shall behold the joy of the upper worlds.

You shall go forth and angels shall minister unto you: and you shall escape pestilence and famine, and your life shall be preserved. And I seal upon you the blessing which you have desired. Your family shall be a blessing unto you and they shall receive an inheritance in Zion. All blessings are yours, even the blessings of heaven and earth, and you shall stand upon the earth and behold the winding up scene of this generation. And though you shall be old yet you shall retain your full strength, and your vigor of mind shall not be abated; yea, you shall stand, having been faithful, and shall receive an inheritance, even the blessing of eternal life in the presence of God. These blessings are sealed upon you and upon your posterity to the latest generation; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:20]

[Patriarchal blessing of Harriet Herrick on July 1, 1835]

Harriet Herrick, wife of Amos F. Foster [Herrick], was born in Springfield, Windsor County, Vermont, April 12, 1804.

Sister Herrick, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon you the second time, to confirm and seal upon your head the blessings of a father, in common with your husband. You shall be a blessing to your husband; for you shall be a partaker of his joys and his sorrows, and in his disconsolate hours you shall bear him up and encourage him to go forth and bring souls unto God. You shall be provided for in his absence [absence], and your children shall be a comfort unto you when your husband is separated from you. This infant, whom you hold in your arms, the Lord will give you, and it shall grow up in righteousness insomuch that satan shall not have power over it: if it should be sick you shall have power to heal it, and its life shall be preserved until the coming of the Son of Man; for the Lord has reserved for it a great and mighty work, in his name.

The Lord loveth you, and all the blessings of heaven and earth are yours in common with your husband; for your days shall be as his days, and your joys as his joys: and you shall rejoice together in the eternal worlds. Your name is written in heaven never to be blotted out, except it be through willfull transgression. These blessings are sealed upon you in the name of the Lord; even so. Amen.

Evan M. Greene Salomon W. Denton Clerks. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, July 1, 1835, and recorded in this book October 12, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:20]

[Patriarchal blessing of Loren Babbit on July 31, 1835]

A blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Snr. Kirtland July 31st 1835 upon the head of Loren Babbit who was born in New Maltberry Massachusetts AD. 1806, and also upon the head of his wife Almira babbit who was born in in Pompey Onandaga County N.Y. A.D. 1810

Dear brother, thou art yet in thy youth and mayest yet do much good if thou art faithful, yet satan desires that he may have thee and sift thee as wheat for many are his devices and great are his temptations. And I seal the patriarchal blessing upon thee, that thou mayest have power to escape his grasp and be an instrument in the hand of thy God of doing much good in the earth for thou art a descendant of Jacob and an heir of God jointly. with Jesus Christ who is heir to all the fullness of God. and if thou wilt keep the commandments of God and observe the word of Wisdom. Thou shalt live to see thy three score years and ten and be satisfied with life, and receive blessings even all and more than my tongue can tell. or thy heart conceive. [illegible] for thee if thou wilt lay aside all thy little prejudices and querying thou shalt be mighty in word and in deed, and do a work which none but thyself can do.

The heavens shall be opened unto thee. and the glory of thy God shall be shown unto thee and thou

shalt be useful unto thy fellow men. through the seventy years: of thy life which thou mayest live upon the earth, if thou desire. But if not mayest sleep a little season. in the dust and then rise with the just when the trump shall sound to all the sleeping Saints upon their tombs to enjoy the kingdom with Christ on Mount Zion a thousand years. and thou mayest have thy kindred also to be with thee if thou wilt claim them by faith and be faithful in discharging thy duty to them. Then these blessings are yours in time and eternity for I seal them upon thee on these conditions in the name of Jesus Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:112-113]

[Patriarchal blessing of Almira Babbit (July 31, 1835)]

And also upon the head of Almira his wife,

In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord I seal the blessing which thy heart has desired. for they are good and the Lord shall give thee thy desires for thou hast desired blessings for thy little ones and for thy friends & relations according to the flesh & thy life shall be spared to do much good unto them But thou must see many sorrows and grief shall cause thy bosom to swell and thou shalt cry unto thy God in thy affliction and he will deliver thee & comfort thee. with the consolations of the comforter even the holy Ghost. for thou wilt see desolation cover the wicked and thy heart will grieve for them. And angels shall come down from heaven to comfort thee and teach thee the wisdom of heaven and make thee to understand great things even things which God hath reserved for thee in common with thy husband and he also shall teach thee wisdom and thou also must learn from him for he is thy head and also those who are ordained of God shall instruct thee until thou be able to understand all thy duty and the will of God concerning thee. For he willeth that thou remain unto the coming of the son of man when he shall come to reign upon the throne of his father David and all enemies be made his footstool and then if thou have kept the faith thou shalt be blest with thy companion in that day and be received into that kingdom, even so Amen.

Sylvester Smith Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:113]

[Written comments by Oliver Cowdery on October 7, 1835]

The following are patriarchal blessings pronounced upon those named, by president Joseph Smith sen. on the 27th day of August, 1835. There were many blessings given previous to these, but the book not being obtained until a few weeks since, it would be difficult to arrange all the blessings as they were pronounced: indeed this would be impossible as many retained their blessings in their own hands, not yet having handed them in to be recorded. All that I shall observe in recording blessings hereafter is, to give their several dates. This however will not be possible always, as the clerks have not been particular to note the day and the month. One remark is necessary: It will be seen, that in the commencement of this record, I noticed that the first meeting was opened by prayer: this order is strictly observed in all patriarchal meetings, either by the one pronouncing the blessings or one whom he appoints.

October 7, 1835. Oliver Cowdery. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:16]

[Patriarchal blessing of Martin Harris on August 27, 1835]

Martin Harris was born in Saratoga County, New York, May 18, 1783.

Brother Martin, having a long acquaintance with thee my heart would desire that thou might be blessed. I ask my heavenly Father to do away every selfish feeling from my heart, that I may know his mind and pronounce blessings upon thy head according to his will. Thou art a son of Zion, and hast consecrated thy all for her good; yea, thou hast greatly desired her deliverance and her welfare. Thou must be humble and meek in heart, or Satan will seek to raise the[e] up in pride unto boasting. Thou shalt stand upon the

earth when the kingdoms of this world shall rend, and the kingdom of heaven come down, if thou art faithful; for, if thou art faithful, thou shalt know Christ more perfectly, for thou shalt see him and converse with him face to face. Thy mind shall be enlarged, and thy testimony shall yet convince its thousands and its tens of thousands; yea, it shall shine like the sun, and though the wicked seek to overthrow it, it shall be in vain, for the Lord God shall bear it off victorious. The holy angels will watch over thee and bear thee up in their hands. Thou shalt have a tongue and wisdom that all the enemies of truth can not withstand nor gainsay.

Thou hast left thy family and house for the gospel's sake, and given all for the purpose of spreading the work of thy God: for this thou shalt be blessed and rewarded an hundred fold; yea, thou hast left thy family and consecrated them unto the Lord, and if thou desirest it with all thy heart and art faithful, thou shalt yet teach them, even thy wife that she may be saved in the day of eternity; but if not they shall be removed from the earth and her place be supplied with another; and thy heart shall be satisfied, for thou shalt raise up seed unto the Lord to praise him in his kingdom. I seal upon thee a father's blessing, for thee and thy posterity, forever in the land of Zion; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given August 27, 1835, and recorded in this book October 7, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:16-17]

[Patriarchal blessing of Morris Phelps on August 27, 1835]

Morris Phelps was born in Northhampton, [blank] County, Massachusetts, December 20, 1805.

Brother Phelps, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I ask my heavenly Father to let his blessings rest upon thee. Satan has sought to destroy thee, to charm thy senses, to drive thee to darkness; but because of thy prayers thou hast yet escaped, for the Lord has had compassion and lengthened out his arm of mercy; and if thou art faithful and will seek at the hand of thy God, thou shalt be greatly blessed; for he will give thee power to proclaim his gospel to the ends of the earth, and thou shalt bring thy thousands to Zion with songs of everlasting joy. The holy angels shall watch over thee and no power beneath the heavens shall take thy life from the earth. Thou shalt yet visit many people afar off, and preach glad tidings of great joy to those who sit in the region and shadow of death; for thou shalt see the end of this evil generation, if faithful, and tarry in the flesh. Thou art of the lineage of Joseph and a joint heir of Abraham's blessings. Thy companion shall be blessed with thee and have joy in that glory which the Lord will bestow upon thee. Thy children shall also be blessed, and grow up to inherit the land of Zion; for I now pronounce upon thee a father's blessing which shall be for thee and thy children, and thy children's children. Treasure up wisdom in thy heart, and if thou desirest it thou shalt be like unto Elijah, and be wafted away to the bosom of thy God, and rest in the celestial glory; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, August 27, 1835, and recorded October 8, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:17]

[Patriarchal blessing of Newel Knight on August 27, 1835]

Newel Knight was born in Molbury, [blank] Vermont, September 13, 1800.

Brother Knight, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to pronounce upon thee a blessing inasmuch as thy father is far from this place. Thou hast desired many things that thou hast not made known to any save the Lord. Thou hast been faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord, as far as thou hast understood them. Thy property has been taken from thee by unlawful means — all thy former friends have forsaken thee because thou hast sought to keep the commandments and obey the voice of the Lord. Thou art one of the first who embraced the gospel in these last days. Thou art one of the

first who embraced the gospel in these last days, and for his thou shalt be remembered; for I confirm upon thee holy ministry and the blessings of the spiritual kingdom. The Lord has taken from thee thy posterity, even thy children, and thy companion, also. Murmur not against the Lord for this, for all things are in his hands: thou art unincumbered, and the Lord has prepared thee for a great work.

Thou shalt proclaim the gospel with great power: thou shalt have power over Satan; shall have power to do miracles; shall outride the storm of adversity, and proclaim the gospel to the coming of the Son of Man. Thou shalt be delivered from pestilence; shall command all things upon the face of the earth, if needful to accomplish thy mission — the winds, the waves, and the tempests, according to thy faith. I[n] due time thou shalt receive the desire of thy heart, for thou shalt yet raise up children, that thy name may not be blotted out from among men. Thou shalt outride the storm of adversity and yet possess an inheritance in the Land of Zion, for thee and thy seed after thee; even so. Amen.

Given and recorded as the above. [October 8, 1835] Oliver Cowdery, C[lerk]. & R[ecorder]. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:17]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elias Higbee on August 27, 1835]

Elias Higbee was born in Galloway, Gloucester County, New Jersey, October 23, 1795.

Brother Higbee, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I ask God, the eternal Father, to let his Holy Spirit rest upon thee that thy mind may be strong and thy faith unshaken. Thou hast had fears that some of the blessings of the Lord would slip and that thou shouldst not enjoy them. Treasure up wisdom and thou shalt receive all that are expedient. If thou art not blessed by thy father remember this shall be sufficient for thee, thy children and thy children's children. Treasure up wisdom and thou shalt proclaim the truth to thine own astonishment and the astonishment of those who hear thee. Thou shalt not fall by pestilence or war: thou shalt have all that thy heart desires in righteousness. Thou shalt have life as long as thou shalt desire it; and if thou shalt desire, thou mayest tarry till the coming of the Savior: nevertheless, if thou art called to lay down thy life for his cause, it shall be well with thee, for thou shalt rejoice, and shall receive a crown of eternal life. I secure blessings also for thy companion, and thy children, and they with her shall be comforted. Thy name is written in heaven and thy salvation sealed on high; even so. Amen.

Given in Kirtland, Ohio, August 27, 1835, and recorded October 9, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:18]

[Patriarchal blessing of Isaac Higbee on August 27, 1835]

Issac Higbee was born in Galloway, Gloucester County, New Jersey, December 23, 1797.

Brother Higbee, thou art a stranger to me — I have no knowledge of seeing thee previous to this morning; I therefore lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in his name I bless thee; and I say unto thee, if thou art faithful and will magnify thy calling and keep all the commandments, the Lord will exalt thee and thou shalt be a great man before him. Thou shalt have power to do great good in the earth, for the Lord has a great work for thee to do. Thou shalt have all the scriptures and revelations unfolded to thy understanding, and thou shalt have wisdom to circumscribe the wisdom of the wise of this world. Thou shalt convince the great ones of the earth of the truth of the gospel, and stand in the presence of kings and rulers. Thou hast desired to see the heavens open and behold thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven; if this shall continue to be thy desire in righteousness, thou shalt see it. Thy mind shall expand and thy heart shall be enlarged. Thy companion shall also be blessed with thee, and thy children also. Thy companion shall be a partaker with thee in thy joys and also in thy sorrows. Thou shalt

have an inheritance in Zion, and thy posterity after thee. If thou art faithful thou shalt receive all these things; even so. Amen.

Given and recorded as the above. [October 9, 1835] Oliver Cowdery, C[lerk]. & R[ecorder] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:18]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha H. Groves on August 27, 1835]

Elisha H. Groves was born in Madison County, Kentucky, November 5, 1798.

Brother Groves, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, not knowing at this time what I shall say unto thee, but I ask the Father, in the name of Christ, to inspire my heart and give me a knowledge of those things which shall befall thee in time, and also of those blessings which he has determined to bestow upon thee, if thou art faithful. I say unto thee, if thou desirest to be blessed, thou must treasure up wisdom and knowledge, and keep all the commandments of the Lord, and thou shalt be blessed with a father's blessing for thee, thy children, and thy children's children to the latest generation. If thou wilt be faithful thou shalt yet have power to call thy kindred into the kingdom, notwithstanding they are now, many of them, far from the knowledge of the truth. Thy sins are at this time forgiven thee, and I confirm upon thy head the holy ministry unto which thou hast been ordained.

Thy life shall be precious in the sight of the Lord, for thou shalt live to a good old age, and if thou wilt keep all the commandments of the Lord, and desire it with all thy heart, thou mayest be translated, that thou shalt never be brought down to the grave; but remember, that thou must become holy like unto Enoch to obtain this great blessing, — or thou mayest tarry. The holy angels shall minister unto thee, and even in their hands they shall bear the[e] up. Thou shalt have the desires of thy heart in righteousness, and power to accomplish thy mission, and be a means in the hand of thy God of calling many into his kingdom; yea, thou shalt be mighty in the earth, and thy testimony shall astonish the great and the learned, for thou shalt be able to proclaim the gospel with mighty convincing power, and the Lord thy God will give thee victory over the adversary and all who uphold his work, and nothing shall be too hard for thee, for thou shalt see the winding up scene of this wicked generation. Therefore remember, that thou shalt receive according to thy diligence; and I pray my heavenly Father to seal them upon thee, and write them with his own finger. Amen.

Given and recorded as those above. [October 9, 1835] Oliver Cowdery, C[lerk]. & R[ecorder]. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:18]

[Patriarchal blessing of Levi Jackman on August 27, 1835]

Levi Jackman was born in Vershire, Orange County, Vermont, July 28, 1797.

Brother Jackman, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, even the Bethlehem babe, I lay my hands upon thy head, and according to the office of my calling and standing before God, and confirm upon thee a father's blessing, that thou mayest no longer be an orphan. The Lord has looked upon thee in thy early days and has guarded thee, even in thy childhood, that he might make of thee a minister of righteousness; for he knew thy willing heart to follow him when thou wast instructed in righteousness: therefore, thou art blessed. He has seen thy affliction and the affliction of thy family in Zion, when the wicked drove thee from thine inheritance. But if thou wilt treasure up wisdom and be diligent in keeping the commandments of the Lord, thou shalt yet return with thy children: and if thou art diligent in teaching them the knowledge of God they shall remain upon the goodly land, to possess it from generation to generation, forever, and thy name shall never be blotted out.

Thy wife shall be blessed equal with thee: thou shalt be her head and counsel her in all things, and

she shall be spared unto thee many years, though thou wilt leave her for a long season to proclaim the gospel. I seal upon thee the holy ministry, with the desires of thy heart, to tarry or not. Thou shalt be a man of great wisdom, understanding the deep things of God, for thy heart shall expand like Enoch's. All things shall be possible unto thee if expedient, to accomplish thy ministry. Thou shalt override the storms of adversity which shall come upon the nation. Thou shalt escape the fires and divide the waters, and if needful remove the mountains: and at thy word the prisons shall fall. The angels shall minister unto thee, and the most High shall hold thee in his own hand. Many shall come to a knowledge of the truth through thy ministry, and thousands shall hear the testimony from thy mouth. Thy sins are forgiven, and thy name written on high. And if thou art faithful thou shalt receive all these blessings; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, August 27, 1835, and recorded October 12, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:19]

[Patriarchal blessing of James Emmet on August 27, 1835]

James Emmet was born in Boone County, Kentucky, February 22, 1803.

Brother Emmet, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and inasmuch as thy parents are afar off and know not God, I pronounce upon thee a father's blessing, which shall be for thee, thy companion, thy children and thy children's children, and they shall be blessed unto the latest generation. Thy wife will receive thine instruction, and in thy absence will teach thy children righteousness: even when thou art a great way from thy family proclaiming the gospel, thou shalt be taught by the Spirit concerning thy family, and thy heart shall rejoice.

Thou shalt be mighty in the earth; for if thou art faithful thou shalt be like unto Enoch: the earth shall tremble at thy word in the name of the Lord, and the power of darkness shall flee from before thee. Thy faith shall wax stronger and stronger, until thou shalt obtain the ministering of holy angels, and thou shalt become a savior to some. Thou shalt have power to cast out devils, to heal the sick, and to do all other signs and wonders, if faithful, that are expedient in the Lord. Therefore, let thy fears depart and the blessings of heaven shall rest upon thee even till thou art satisfied with the goodness of the Lord. Thy name is sealed in the Lamb's book of life. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Re'r. [Recorder] Given and recorded as the above. [October 12, 1835]
[Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:19]

[Patriarchal blessing of James Foster on August 27, 1835]

James Foster was born in Hillsborough, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, April 1, 1786.

Brother Foster, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce a father's blessing upon thee, and thou shalt no longer be an orphan; for I now seal upon thee and thy posterity after thee the choicest of heaven's blessings, and thou shalt have of the good things of the earth. The holy angels shall minister unto thee, and thou shalt be taught from on high. The Lord will inspire thy heart with wisdom, and thou shalt do good among the children of men, for thy mouth shall be opened and thy heart shall be enlarged, and thou shalt be able to proclaim the gospel with mighty convincing power, even to the astonishing of thyself and those who hear, if thou art faithful. Thou art a son of Zion, and thou shalt see her salvation, for thou hast offered thy life for her sake. If thou art faithful thou shalt see thy Redeemer in the flesh. Thou shalt rest only a little season in thy grave — thou shalt hear the trumpet — thou shalt rise in the morning of the resurrection and receive a crown in the Kingdom of thy God. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, August 27, 1835, and Recorded in this book October 12, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:19]

[Patriarchal blessing of Abigail Foster on August 27, 1835]

Abigail Foster, wife of James Foster, was born in Poplin, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, February 27, 1793.

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mightest also receive the blessings of heaven in common with thy husband, for thyself and thy children, that thou mayest be filled with faith for them when they are afflicted, in the absence of thy husband, that they may grow up and fight the battles of the Lord, that one may chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight. Thou shalt have joy yet in the labors of thy husband, for great glory will come upon him if he is faithful in proclaiming the gospel, — and thou shalt receive a crown of eternal life, for thy heart is at this time right before the Lord. And I say, in the name of Jesus Christ, if it be thy desire, thou mayest tarry yet many years. I leave all these with the Lord who will give according to thy faithfulness, and withhold no good thing if thou dost walk uprightly; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given August 27, 1835, and recorded October 12, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:20]

[Note by Oliver Cowdery written on October 12, 1835]

Note to the reader — There were several other blessings pronounced on the 27th of August, 1835, but for the special accommodation of some who are about to journey to Zion, their blessings will now be recorded. It may be remembered that all blessings given through any one beside president Joseph Smith, sen. that that fact will be noticed, and unless a notice of that kind is given it may be understood that it was the voice of the Spirit through him. The Lord is good, and praised be his name. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:20]

[Patriarchal blessing of Caleb Baldwin on August 27, 1835]

Caleb Baldwin was born in Nobletown, New York, September 2, 1791.

Brother Baldwin, thou hast seen afflictions in thy day, and thou hast borne them with patience. The Lord has looked upon thee and forgiven thy sins and former trespasses; for thou hast done many things which were not expedient, and satan has sought to destroy thee that thy talent might be hid and the blood of souls be required at thy hand: therefore, if thou wilt be accepted thou must from henceforth walk uprightly in all things, and thou shalt be blessed from henceforth, and thy posterity, from generation to generation, with inheritances in Zion, and a right to the holy priesthood. Thy wife shall also be blessed in thy absence, and her heart shall rejoice when she reads this, and she shall shed tears of joy that the Lord has remembered her companion and family, and that they are to receive inheritances with the saints.

Thou art a descendant of Joseph, and shall be numbered with his horns to push the people together I seal upon thy head all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom. Be faithful, and thou shalt be delivered from the hands of thy enemies by the power of God; for when thou art surrounded by them, if expedient, and there be no other way for thy escape, thou shalt call upon the Lord and he will answer the[e] by sending down fire. Thou shalt be able to run through a trap and leap even a wall, to execute the commandments of thy God. Thou hast asked, at the hand of the Lord to see the end, and if thou art faithful, and desirest it with all thy heart, even more than to depart and be with the Lord, thou mayest; for thou hast asked of the Lord, for a witness unto thee, that I might tell thee this thing. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal thee up unto him, both for time and eternity; even so. Amen. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder.

Given in Kirtland, August 27, 1835, and recorded Dec. 29, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:28]

[Patriarchal blessing of William W. Phelps on August 27, 1835]

W. W. Phelps' Patriarchal Blessing.

At a patriarchal meeting held in Kirtland, Ohio, August 27, 1835, president Joseph Smith Senr. presiding William W Phelps, born, at Hanover, Morris county in the State of New Jersey, on Friday morning about 6 o'clock on the 17th day of February 1792, was blest.

Says Father Smith, What shall I say unto you? My answer, what the Lord put into your heart to say. "Well the Lord has put it into my heart to say, that you are a *strange man*." Reply, "That I Know." [He then laid his hands upon my head and said] Brother Phelps I have seen thee, and looked upon thee, and I have sought to know what to say unto thee; and I continue to ask my heavenly Father to give me his spirit to bless thee; and I also ask him to grant thee his spirit that thy mind may expand and comprehend the great things that are laid up in store for thee, if thou continuest faithful. The Lord has looked upon thee from all Eternity, and known all thy works and ways. Thou art a pure descendant of Joseph, of the blood of Ephraim. Thou art a "speckled Bird," and the Lord hath held thee up to be gazed at: Thou art a strange man. The Lord has given thee understanding and knowledge and wisdom, and discernment; and thou hast thought thou wast somebody; thou hast been exalted, and hast been lifted up: nevertheless, if thou continuest faithful, and humblest thyself, thou shalt see great things, and have greater knowledge.

Thou shalt see the city of Enoch. and shalt gaze upon it in all its glory: yea, thou shalt be exalted to the heavens; and thou shalt be able to comprehend all hidden mysteries which have been hid up from the foundation of the world; yea, thou shalt understand things that have not yet been revealed unto man. I seal upon thee a father's blessing; upon thee, and upon thy children and upon thy children's children: And thy wife, who is a pure descendant of Joseph, according to thy blood and lineage, shall be blessed with thee. — Her life and years are as precious in the sight of the Lord, as thine, and she shall remain as she desires. The Lord has chosen thee for a great work, and thou shalt be instrumental in bringing many souls unto the Lord; yea thou shalt present them spotless before the Father. Seek to be humble; seek to be wise; live holy and work righteousness, and thou shalt stand amid the Judgments that shall fall upon the wicked, unharmed; yea, thou shalt live through all the scenes of the last days, till the end, and then thou shalt be caught from the earth, up into the clouds, and meet thy Lord, as he comes in his glory, with all his holy angels with him; even so; for I seal these blessings upon you in the name of Jesus Christ: Amen.

Oliver Cowdery Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:138-139]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Myres on September 13, 1835]

Jacob Myres was born in Pence Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1782.

Brother, thou art an aged man and the Lord thy God has watched over thee and kept the[e], he has blessed thee with great and innumerable blessings: he has even watched over thee from thy youth, and kept thee from falling that thou mightest taste his goodness and be prepared to do his will. Thou hast sought to know his will, and hast heard the whisperings of his voice by the power of the Holy Spirit from time to time. The Lord has even guided thy footsteps in the way, that thou and thy posterity might be blessed. Thou hast had losses and crosses, but the Lord has dealt with thee as with Job in these things—Thou hast been more than blessed again. Thou hast meditated much, even in thy fields, and wast not satisfied till thou hast known for a certainty. The Lord has seen the desires of thy heart for thy companion and thy children, and no one save he knows the feelings of thy heart for them; but they know not the Lord, nor understand his ways. Thou art a pure descendant of Joseph, and an inheriter of the blessings of Jacob.

Thou art called to the ministry, and if faithful, will be enabled to magnify thy calling and bring souls into the kingdom of thy Redeemer. Thou shalt have power to overcome the evil spirit that is in thy house,

and turn thy family to the truth, though they are now rebellious and their hearts far from the Lord. Struggle for them, and the Lord will hear thy prayers and answer thy request, for all power is in his hand. The Lord will keep thee from falling, and thou shalt do great good in his cause. The desires of thy heart shall be given thee, for thou hast asked in much humility. The Lord has given thee an understanding heart, and thou shalt preach the truth in great power. Many will behold thy godly walk and holy conversasion [conversation], and the wise shall reverence thy gray hairs: and even thy family and thy posterity shall call thee blessed. I seal thee up unto eternal life, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I seal also the blessings of a father upon thee, which shall be for thy good and the good of thy posterity after thee; even thy children and thy children's children. Teach them the ordinances of the house of the Lord, that his blessings may be given them to the latest generation, even from generation to generation, while the earth shall stand. These blessings, dear brother, I pronounce upon thee, and though thy faithfulness they shall all be fulfilled, in the name of Jesus Christ, even so. Amen.

Given in Kirtland, September 13, 1835, and recorded December 22, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:27]

[Patriarchal blessing of Frederick G. Williams (September 14, 1835)]

Frederick G. Williams was born in Suffield, Hartford County, Connecticut, October 28, 1787.

Brother Williams, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee and seal upon thy head the blessings that have heretofore been pronounced upon thee: and I also seal upon thee the blessings of a father inasmuch as thou art an orphan, that thou mayest claim an inheritance with thy brethren, for thyself and for thy descendants after thee, even in the land which has been promised to the saints for an everlasting possession in the last days, — and also a place in the celestial kingdom. I also seal upon thee thy ministry, and thou shalt have power to call thy kindreds and friends into the church. Thou shalt have the ministering of angels not far hence, and the visions of heaven shall be unfolded to thy mind.

Set thy house in order, instruct them in the things of righteousness, and cause them to walk in the ways of truth, and thy afflicted son shall yet come to understanding and be a man of considerable influence; but thou must have great faith to accomplish this, and all things must be put in order in thy house. The Lord will look upon thy afflictions and witness thy sorrows, and cause thy son to begin to amend, when thy faith is sufficiently strong; and thy heart shall yet rejoice over thy children, and thy children's children; and when thou art old and stricken in years thou shalt ris[e] up, like Jacob of old, and bless them, leaning upon the top of thy staff.

But thou shalt be a great man in the earth, and thou shalt be renewed, and have power to accomplish the will of the Lord, and when thou hast accomplished it thou shalt have power to be translated, that thou shalt not sleep in the grave, if thou desirest rather than lay down thy life for the cause of thy God: behold, thy life is in thy own hand with power to lay it down or not. But before thou shalt go hence, in accomplishing thy mission, the earth shall tremble before thee, the mountains shall be removed and waters turned out of their courses. Thy knowledge shall reach to heaven, and thy understanding shall comprehend all things. Thou shalt be able to circumscribe the h[e]ights and the debths [depths], and thou shalt stand in the presence of thy God, who will hold thee up, and make thee mighty to the accomplishing of all things which he has designed in the order of his providence. I seal thee up unto eternal life, with all these blessings upon thee; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:30-31]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rebecca Williams on September 14, 1835]

Rebecca Williams, wife of Frederick G. Williams, was born in Loyalsack, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1798.

Sister Williams, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands upon thy head, and I ask my heavenly Father to put words and thoughts into my heart, and also, to prepare thee for a blessing. Thy sins are now forgiven thee, and thy name is written in heaven; but thou must humble thyself before the Lord and do away thy pride and overcome thy proud spirit, to receive a fulness of the blessings of the Lord, according to his promises made to thy fathers. In due time, even when thou shalt humble thyself and be obedient to all the requirements of the Lord, thy son shall be restored to health, for whom thou hast wept, and for whom thou hast so often prayed, — the Lord has seen all thy tears and tenderness of thy heart, and will reward thee according to all thy desires of righteousness inasmuch as thou hast been faithful and will hereafter be faithful. And in consequ[ue]nce of thy prayers and thy tears thou shalt yet prevail, and the Lord will give thee thy father's family, who are now far from the way of salvation. But the Lord will make bare his arm and show mercy unto them in making thy husband a savior unto them. Be faithful, and all these blessings shall be given unto thee, and thou shalt have joy in the society of thy family. I seal thee up unto eternal life, and thou shalt have thy part and portion in the celestial kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, September 14, 1835, and recorded January 20, 1836. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:31]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sidney Rigdon (September 14, 1835)]

Sidney Rigdon was born in St. Clair, Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1793.

Brother Rigdon, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I lay my hands upon thy head. & I ask my heavenly Father in his name, to cause the Holy Spirit to rest upon me, and also upon thee, and to put thoughts into my heart that I may speak his words. I confirm all thy former blessings upon thee, and in the name of Jesus Christ I pronounce the blessings of a father upon thee & thy posterity, and they shall be kept and remembered in the covenant of grace, and not one of them shall be lost; for the Lord will give thee wisdom to instruct them in the right way, and should they go astray when thou art gone hence, he will hunt after them and bring them back. Thy seed, according to the desires of thy heart, shall become very numerous, almost, as it were, like the stars in the firmament, and they shall rise up on the land of the Lord to possess it from generation to generation. The Lord has made thee a mighty man, he has endowed thee with gifts and understanding superior to many, and has called upon thee to exercise the same in his cause. When thou goest forth to execute thy mission the Lord will be with thee: the earth shall tremble before thee, the rivers shall turn out of their course, and if it were needful, the lions shall roar out of the forest, while the enemies of the Lord shall stand afar off and tremble, having no power to harm the saints. Thou shalt have power to call thousands into the kingdom, who will rejoice that such a man was born.

Thou shalt receive an ordination not many days hence which shall surpass all human understanding; for thy Redeemer shall come down and stand before thee — thou shalt see his face and hear his voice and great shall be thy rejoicing. Thou shalt have power to call all thy ungodly relatives into the church; for the Lord surely will give thee great power in their presence, and they shall be constrained to acknowledge that his power is round about thee to keep thee. I seal thee up to these blessings, and I seal these blessings upon thee. No enemy shall have power to harm thee; for though thy life has many times been in jeopardy, and once thy body marred, from henceforth thou shalt be protected, that no man shall mar thee. Thou shalt be saved in the day of calamity, when great vengeance falls upon the nations. And though thine eyes shall see cities overthrown and swallowed up, thou shalt stand like unto an angel of God, and nothing shall harm thee. Thou shalt be renewed in thy age and thy system shall be like the vigor of youth. I seal all these blessings upon thee: yea, and many more, so many that I cannot name them; but they are shown unto me by the Spirit, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:31-32]

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe Rigdon on September 14, 1835]

Phebe Rigdon, wife of Sidney Rigdon, was born in Bridgetown, Cumberland County, New Jersey, May 3, 1800.

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I ask my heavenly Father to bestow upon thee his Holy Spirit, that thy mind may be prepared to receive a blessing, and that thou mayest be humble and submissive in high sight, that thou mayest receive according to his will; for thou art blessed, even if all thy relatives should go down to destruction, because thou hast obeyed the truth. Thou shalt have life if thou desirest it; for if thou desirest, thou mayest tarry while wickedness shall remain upon the earth. For the Lord looks upon thee the same as thy husband, and thou shalt be a partaker in all his joys, because thou hast suffered with him in all his sorrows, — and thy life shall be as his life if thou desirest it. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer and the heavens shall be open to thy view. And if thou shalt not desire to tarry to see the great distress which shall come upon the wicked, thou shalt be satisfied with life, and go home to rest in the paradise of thy God. Thou shalt have some of thy relatives, — even if thou shalt desire, all of them shall be brought in, — and the Lord will bring them by calamity and judgments; for this is thy desire, and thou hast sought for this thing with great faith. Uphold thy husband in his office by the prayer of faith, and thou shalt be blessed. I seal thee up unto eternal life, and thou shalt receive an inheritance with the sanctified; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, September 14, 1835, and recorded January 20, 1836. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:32]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nancy Rigdon on September 14, 1835]

Nancy Rigdon, mother of Sidney Rigdon, was born in Lowery Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey, March 16, 1759.

Sister, thou art an aged woman, and thou hast seen many years, some of them have been filled with sorrow, yet the Lord thy God has sustained thee, and thy life has been prolonged many years, and in thy old age thou hast obeyed the gospel. Thou hast been blessed with a family, and hast been faithful in bringing them up, and they shall yet come into the faith. Thine eyes shall see the house of the Lord accomplished and the servants of the Lord endowed with power from on high. Thou shalt be satisfied with life, and come to thy grave in peace, for thou shalt have thy desires, and rest in the paradise of God. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings upon thy head; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, September 14, 1835, and recorded January 20, 1836. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:32]

[Patriarchal blessing of Newel K. Whitney (September 14, 1835)]

Newel K. Whitney was born in Marlborough, Windham County, Vermont, February 5, 1795.

Brother Whitney, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I ask my heavenly Father to open the vision of my mind to know what I shall say unto thee, for thou art a strange man, and thy ways have been unlike the ways of other men: nevertheless, thou hast sought to be a man of God, and to do away all thy unbelief and doubts, and in this the Lord has given thee strength. Inasmuch as thou knowest thy progenitors, and art assured concerning the lineage through which thou hast descended, I bless thee with a father's blessing, for thee and thy children after thee, for their inheritances, to the end.

And as thou art a descendant of Melchisedek, one of thy posterity shall be like unto him before the Lord; for his heart shall be filled with the same spirit from his youth up, and he shall be a benefit to thy pos-

terity. Thou shalt be releaved [relieved] from all incumbrances and go forth and do the will of the Lord; for thou hast long besought him for this thing, and in due time thou shalt have it, and thy soul shall be filled with joy when the Lord makes bare his arm for the good of the poor and needy.

Thou hast an ungodly brother who knows not the Lord, neither does he understand his ways, though he supposes he is a minister of the gospel and makes his boasts that his feet are upon the Rock that cannot be moved. But as thou hast besought the Lord many times for him, and greatly desired his salvation, the Lord will hear and answer thy prayers: he will surround thy brother with judgments and lay upon him his afflicting hand, and he will fear and tremble and come to his senses, and yet obey the truth; for when his soul is bowed down with affliction he will remember what thou hast said, and then will he turn to the Lord.

Thou shalt yet go to the great men of the earth and proclaim the gospel unto them, and the Lord will uphold thee and give his angels charge concerning thee that thou shalt be kept from death and every destruction. Thy father will yet come into the church, and his heart shall rejoice in his old age. I seal great blessings upon thee, even more than thy heart can now comprehend or understand. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer, and have the ministering of holy angels. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life, and thou shalt have a place with the sanctified when the Lord comes to reign with his people. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings upon thee, and thou shalt yet realize them and rejoice in them; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:32-33]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Ann Whitney on September 14, 1835]

Elizabeth Ann Whitney, wife of Newel K. Whitney, was born in Berby, New Haven County, Connecticut, December 26, 1800.

Sister Whitney, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus, and confirm the blessings of heaven upon thee in common with thy husband, even all blessings which may be for thy comfort, both of a spiritual and temporal nature; for thou art bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, and the Lord has so ordained that those of the same family and descent might be one to fulfil his purposes; for thou art of the same lineage of thy husband, thy life has been hid also, and thou mayest rejoice, for thy posterity shall be blessed. Thou hast a gift to sing the songs of Zion, and if thou wilt be humble before the Lord & keep all his commandments, it shall be increased.

Thou must set thy heart in order, for every good gift is from above and will be required again, or an account of the same: Therefore, purify thyself, and teach thy little ones the commandments and statutes of the Lord, that they may be blessed also, and they shall be a comfort unto thee. Behold, when thy husband is far from thee and thy little ones are afflicted, thou shalt have power to prevail and they shall be healed. Thou must uphold thy husband by the prayer of faith, for his calling is very great and he has yet a great work to do. Thou shalt yet see thy uncle, whose heart is far from God in consequence of his rebellions against the truth, come into the church; but it will be by judgments and tribulations. I seal all these blessings upon thee, with many more, which thou shalt realize in thy day if thou art faithful. And I seal thee up unto eternal life: and when the church of the first born shall descend thou shalt join with them in the song of the Redeemed; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder Given in Kirtland, Ohio, September 14, 1835, and recorded January 22, 1836. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:33]

[Patriarchal blessing of Don Carlos Smith (September 15, 1835)]

The next in order is Don Carlos Smith, the youngest son of president Joseph Smith, sen. he was blessed at the time, but in consequence of these blessings not being recorded until after this young man was

married,⁶ it was though best to lay hands upon him again, with his wife, and record both blessings together.

Don Carlos Smith, son of Joseph Smith, senior, was born in Norwich, Windsor County, Vermont, March 25, 1816.

Carlos, thou art my youngest son, and the joy of my heart: thou hast been faithful, and shall be blessed with all the blessings of thy father's family, for thou hast been diligent to learn the truth, and hast kept the commandments, as far as they have been taught thee, from thy childhood. Thou shalt be made mighty in word and in deed in thy day and generation. Thou shalt have the ministering of holy angels; and be taught from on high.

Thou shalt remain to see the winding up scene of all things, and shall be numbered among the hundred and forty and four thousand. Thou shalt be powerful in proclaiming the gospel, and have all the blessings bestowed upon man. Thou shalt have communion with angels and the spirits of just men made perfect; and be able to teach this generation righteousness. Thou shalt teach thy children the way of righteousness, in the name of the Lord, perfectly, and they shall grow up without sin unto salvation, and never be afflicted with sickness, nor be crippled. but Shall grow up under thy teaching and be mighty instruments in the hands of God in bringing saints unto salvation: yea, even of bringing the word of salvation to the children of men. Thou shalt stand upon the earth at the coming of thy Redeemer, and be caught up to meet him in the cloud and ever be with the Lord. My dear son, if thou wilt be faithful I seal all these blessings upon thy head; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:7-8]

[Patriarchal blessing of Agnes Smith on September 15, 1835]

Agnes Smith, wife of Don Carlos Smith, was born in Scarborough, Cumberland county, Maine, July 11, 1812.

Agnes, my child, my daughter-in-law, companion of my son, I seal upon thy head a blessing in common with thy husband; and I seal thy marriage covenant, it shall be sanctioned in heaven, that thou mayest live in the enjoyment of it as long as the world stands, and shall raise up children unto thy husband, in the Lord, who shall rise up and call thee blessed; for thou shalt have power to instruct them in righteousness. Thou shalt take instruction from thy husband; shall be a mother in Israel, and Satan shall not have power over thee nor thy offsprings to take away your lives. The Lord will not suffer thee to go hungry, nor naked, but will comfort thee in all things, in the absence [absence] of thy husband while he journeys to preach the gospel.

Thou shalt stand to see thy Redeemer come in his glory. Thou shalt have power with God to gain thy father's family, inasmuch as they live, and shall rejoice with them in his kingdom. Thou shalt see thy children triumph over all their enemies, and every evil there is in the world, and be made partakers of all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Thou shalt be satisfied with life, and shall have an inheritance with thy posterity, in the Land of Zion, to possess it forever. Be faithful, my child, and I seal all these blessings upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Frederick G. Williams, Clerk. Kirtland Ohio, September 15, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:8]

[Patriarchal blessing of Heman Hyde on September 20, 1835]

Heman Hyde was born in Manchester, Bennington County, Vermont, June 30, 1788.

6. Don Carlos Smith received a blessing on December 9, 1834. As his patriarchal blessing was being recorded in September 1835, he received another blessing. He and Agnes Coolbrith were married on July 30, 1835, by Seymour Brunson.

Brother Hyde, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head, and ask the Lord to bless thee: and I seal the blessings of a father upon thy head and upon thy posterity, even the blessings of Joseph for thou art a pure descendant of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim. And I confirm upon thee the holy priesthood, and by the power and virtue of thine office thou shalt bring thousands to the knowledge of the truth. Thou shalt have power over death, even to lay down thy life or to preserve it, as seemeth thee good. Thou shalt have angels to protect thee in thy ministry, that the adversary shall have no power over thee. Thy mouth shall be filled and thou shalt speak in mighty power, and confound all gainsayers, and put thy enemies to shame. Thou shalt have power with God to bring all thy kindred to repentance. Thou shalt be mighty before God and stand upon the earth at the coming of the Lord in his glory, and see him face to face, if thou desirest it and wilt seek it with all thy heart, keeping all the commandments. Thy wife shall be blessed in common with thee, and be a comfort to thee in thy old age, and be a mother in Israel, and have power and prevail over her enemies. Thy children shall be a blessing to thee, and Satan shall have no power over them. Be faithful, dear brother, and thou shalt have the desire of thy heart, and be satisfied with life. And I seal all these blessings upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Frederick G. Williams, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, September 20, 1835, and recorded Jan. 1836. O. Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:30]

[Blessing for David Whitmer by Joseph Smith Jr.⁷ on September 22, 1835]

Blessed of the Lord is brother David, for he truly is a faithful friend to mankind, and he should be beloved by all, because of the integrity of his heart. All his words are steadfast as the pillars of heaven, because truth is his only meditation, and he delighteth in it, and shall rejoice in it forever. The Lord God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob, shall be on his right hand and on his left, and shall go before his face, and shall be his rearward, and his enemies shall become an easy prey [prey] unto him; for behold, he it is, whom the Lord hath appointed to be captain of his host, under the guidance and direction of him who is appointed to say unto the strength of the Lord's house, Go forth, and build up the waste places of Zion. A mighty shaft shall he be in the quiver of the Almighty in bringing about the redemption of Zion, and in avenging the wrongs of the innocent.

He shall yet stand upon the land of Zion, from whence he has been driven, and shall find inheritance there, and shall be a ruler in Zion until he is old and well stricken in years. And shall enjoy an abundance of the precious things of the lasting mountains, and shall have part with his brethren in all the good things of this earth, and shall never want a friend. He shall bring down his adversaries under his feet, and shall walk upon their ashes when their names are blotted out. His name shall be a blessing among all nations, and his testimony shall shine as fair as the Sun, and as a diamond it shall remain untarnished. There shall not be spot upon his character while he lives, neither upon his seed after him unto the latest posterity: he shall not be forsaken nor his seed found begging bread. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given like the foregoing blessings, by vision, to Joseph Smith, Jr. the Seer, September 22, 1835, and recorded Oct. 2, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:13-14]

[Blessing for John Whitmer by Joseph Smith Jr. on September 22, 1835]

Blessed of the Lord is brother John: he shall live to a good old age, and his generations after him shall be blessed. He shall live to a good old age, and wax more and more steadfast in the work of the Lord, and he

7. David Whitmer was not physically present when this blessing was given (see John Logan Traugher Jr., "David Whitmer's Blessing," *The Return* 2 [Feb. 1890]: 213, Davis City, Iowa).

shall make a choice record of Israel unto the memory of his name. He shall truly be chastened wherein he steps aside, yet he shall escape the hand of the Destroyer, and shall never fall by the hands of his enemies: and he shall be avenged of the wrongs he has sustained by them. He shall be blessed, and a means of bringing many blessings upon his father's family. He shall be blessed with abundance of the good things of this earth, with houses and lands, in the fruit of the field, with horses and with asses and she asses, with gold and with silver, and with precious stones, even the things of the lasting mountains. He shall be made mighty in the hands of his God, in bringing to pass the redemption of Zion. The Lord shall be on his right hand and on his left; shall go before his face and shall be his rearward, and shall turn aside all the shafts of his enemies. And he shall go down in honor and with gray hairs, to the grave, and shall be caught up in the cloud to meet the Lord, and shall ever be with him; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given September 22, 1835, and recorded October 2, 1835.
[Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:14]

[Blessing for John Corrill by Joseph Smith Jr. on September 22, 1835]

Blessed of the Lord is brother Corrill [John Corrill], for the hand of the Lord shall be over him, and there are none that surpass him in understanding pertaining to architecture: unto this end hath the Lord raised him up, and he shall yet stand upon the land of Zion and be greatly multiplied in the midst of her: for he shall build the house of the Lord in Zion, and shall do a work that none other man understandeth to do, in building the houses of the Lord. It shall be a gift unto him: he shall be enlightened by visions and dreams, and his soul shall be satisfied with the abundance with which the Lord his God shall bless him: and his seed after him shall be blessed from generation to generation.

And his name shall be had in remembrance and be known among all nations; and it shall be said of him among governors, rulers and kings: This man reared the temple of God in Zion. And he shall be revered because of his great Lagacity [Legacy]. His life shall be prolonged until he is very old. He shall be accounted among the wise counsellors of Israel, and he shall hear the voice of the Lord his God, and receive counsel by the ministering of angels; and shall be very terrible unto his enemies, and his soul shall be satisfied in seeing the wrath of God poured out upon them to the uttermost. He shall have communion with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and with the Spirits of just men made perfect, and shall be caught up, whether in the body or out of the body I cannot tell, God knoweth, he shall be caught up to the third heaven and behold untenable things. And thus shall the hand of God be upon him all the days of his life, unto his joy and the satisfaction of his soul: and he shall have a crown of eternal life. And these are the blessings that I want should come upon my brother Corrill. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given September 22, 1835, and recorded October 3, 1835.
[Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:14]

[Blessing for William W. Phelps by Joseph Smith Jr. on September 22, 1835]

Blessed of the Lord is brother Phelps, [William W. Phelps] for he shall have the desires of his heart in the gift that pertaineth to writing the law of God, and in being an instrument in assisting to lift up an ensign to the nations. And according to the greatness of the desires of his soul, for blessings upon his friends, so shall the blessings of the Lord come upon him to the uttermost. The Lord will chasten him because he taketh honor to himself, and when his soul is greatly humbled he will forsake the evil; then shall the light of the Lord break upon him as at noon-day, and in him shall be no darkness so great is the glory that shall come upon him. And blessed is his name among all nations. He shall have part in that that coucheth beneath: and it shall be revealed unto him things by the hand of the Lord's annointed that have been kept secret from the

foundation of the world, concerning the last days. And he shall be a blessing unto his posterity from generation to generation, and shall be satisfied in beholding his enemies cut off out of the earth.

He shall be filled with a fulness of the good things of the earth: with houses and with lands, with the fruit of the vine and with the fat of the olive, and he shall feed on the finest of the wheat; and because of his liberal soul the Lord will make him rich; even with treachers [treasurers] of gold, silver, precious stones, and with all precious metals. He shall be a wise lawyer in Israel, for he shall understand the law of the Lord perfectly; and the renowned among men shall acknowledge his superior wisdom pertaining to the laws of the nations and of kingdoms. Behold, he shall have understanding in all sciences and languages, and with his brother Oliver shall write and arrange many books for the good of the church, that the young may grow up in wisdom: These shall remain for a memorial unto their names, and the generations to come shall call them blessed. His days shall be prolonged upon the land of Zion; and when he is old and bowed down with many years, behold, he shall lift up his eyes and the heavens shall be opened upon him. He shall be lifted up at the last day, and his rest shall be glorious. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given Sept. 22, 1835, and recorded Oct. 3, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:14-15]

[Written comments by Oliver Cowdery on October 3, 1835]

The reader will remember the remarks made at the commencement of the foregoing blessings, pronounced by the first patriarch, and first elder in this church, Joseph Smith, jr. I said that he had authority to bless: this is so, and it may be understood, that those whose names are mentioned in blessings by his mouth, had long been employed in the work of the Lord, and were personal[l]y known to him. I mean those besides his own family, who are myself, Frederick G. Williams, Sidney Rigdon, David Whitmer, John Whitmer, John Corrill and William W. Phelps. Now, after writing these blessings at the mouth of the Seer, I greatly desired to know the mind of the Spirit concerning this my brother, with whom I had labored so many years; and accordingly I besought the Lord with prayer and fasting, who opened the heavens upon me, and thus, while in the heavenly vision, I wrote the following blessing, which is a part of that which was shown and declared should come upon my brother: therefore, let no one doubt their correctness and truth, for they will verily be fulfilled.

Oliver Cowdery. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:15]

[Blessing for Joseph Smith Jr. by Oliver Cowdery on September 22, 1835]

Blessed of the Lord is my brother, for the integrity of his heart and the steadfastness of his soul. Upheld by the arm of the Almighty he shall never fall, but shall be strengthened by his right hand till he overcomes. Like Jacob of old he shall wrestle with the angel, and as a prince shall he have power with God, and shall prevail. Ever faithful to his friends and true to his word, the goodness of the Most High shall sustain him, and thousands shall stand up to defend him from the hand of his enemies, and put forth the hand and ward off the blow were it needful: but ere his foes are aware he shall be hid under the pavillion of the Lord Jehovah; for, with the voice of his thunder shall he strike terror to their hearts, and as with the wings of an eagle shall my brother be carried beyond all harm, by the power of the Anointed. From amid the burning bush, like Moses of old, shall he hear the voice, saying, I am the God of thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I have seen, I have seen, the affliction of my people and am come down to deliver them: go, thou, and say to the strength of my house, To your tents, O Israel: build up the wastes and raise up the foundation of desolation that this generation has made.

Thus shall he be honored of the Lord, and thus shall it be recorded of him, that the generations to

come may bless his name, in Israel, saying, The Lord make thee as Joseph the Seer, who was of the house of Ephraim, the brother of Manasseh: the Lord do thee good and bring peace and blessings upon thy house as he brought them upon the house of Joseph the Seer, who was raised up of a choice vine from the stem of Jacob through the root of Joseph, even that Joseph who was separated from his brethren. For, like Joseph of old shall he be: he shall save the just from desolation, by the wise counsel of the Almighty; for by his direction shall they gather into stone houses and barns, till they overflow with the richness of the fruit of harvest: and by this means shall the just be saved from famine, while the nations of the wicked are distressed and faint.

In due time shall he go forth toward the north, and by the power of his word shall the deep begin to give way and the ice melt before the Sun. By the keys of the Kingdom shall he lead Israel into the land of Zion while the house of Jacob shouts in the dance and in the song — Joy, O my soul, in that day, for thou shalt be with him and bear thy part in the keys which are confirmed upon thee for an everlasting priesthood, forever and ever — Joy, O my heart, in that day, with thanksgiving and with praise, for thou shalt stand with him before the hosts of Israel — the lame shall leap as a hart, the old shall renew his strength, and the virgin of Israel, with the youth, shall exalt the name of our God upon harps and instruments of tens strings. He shall be a shure [sure] arrow in the bow of his God, for he shall be hid under the shadow of his wing. His loins shall be like iron, girded by the hand of the Lord, and his feet shall be swift to execute the commandment of the Most High when he shall say, Destroy.

His name shall be had in everlasting remembrance, and his seed after him, for they shall be saved to the uttermost. His fame shall be sounded in foreign lands, even to the ends of the earth, as well as nigh at home: for in this the times shall change — a prophet shall have honor in his own country. His learning and wisdom shall astonish the great, for they shall acknowledge that by his intelligence he has far surpassed their learning and their science. In palaces of governors, rulers and kings shall he be honored, even in his person, for God shall give him power to prevail. He shall be a lawgiver to Israel and shall teach the house of Jacob the statutes of the Most High. His testimony shall shine like the sun, and the weight of his influence shall be like the great river that rises on the east of the lasting hills, and flows into the great deep — so shall his righteousness ever abound. He shall partake of the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: the chief things of the ancient mountains, the precious things that couch beneath, and of the treasures hid in the sand.

The records of past ages and generations, and the histories of ancient days shall he bring forth: even the record of the Nephites shall he again obtain, with all those hid up by Mormon, and others who were righteous, and many others, till he is overwhelmed with knowledge. No precious thing shall slumber from his possession, for he shall be covered with the most choice of all ages. till his soul shall be satisfied and his heart shall say, Enough, Enough! In his hands shall the Urim and Thummim remain and the holy ministry, and the keys of the evangelical priesthood, also, for an everlasting priesthood forever, even the patriarchal; for behold, he is the first patriarch in the last days. He shall sit in the great assembly and general council of patriarchs, and execute the will and commandment of God under the direction of the Ancient of Days; for he shall have his place and act in his station.

Behold, my brother Joseph is blessed: blessed are all who bless him, and blessed are all those whom he blesses. Multitudes, multitudes, shall come to acknowledge of the truth through his ministry, and he shall be welcomed into the presence of kings and the great ones of the earth; for he shall claim his place among the nobles of the earth and shall be revered by them. He shall also be filled with abundance of the fat of the earth: his flocks shall bring forth thousands and tens of thousands: his fates shall overflow with wine and oil: his cattle shall increase to a multitude: he shall have horses and mules, asses, she asses and dromedaries, camels and elephants, and all swift beasts, and when he goes forth in haste his chariots shall roar like the

approach of an army: he shall have gold and silver, precious stones, diamonds, pearls, and the pure platina [platinum], with the antiquities of every kind.

Thus shall God bless, and thus shall he be prospered: and he shall have peace after a little; for his enemies shall be consumed, many of them, and many shall turn and be his friends in very deed: he shall remain to a good old age, even till his head is like the pure wool. Behold, there is no end to the vision, of the multiplicity of blessings and glories which shall come upon my brother Joseph. He shall possess a mansion on high and have an inheritance in that city which is like pure gold, even like transparent glass. His rest shall be glorious and his name remain forever. Thus closes the vision, and thus it shall be; even so. Amen.

Given in the evening of September 22, 1835, and recorded October 3, 1835. Oliver Cowdery. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:15-16]

[Patriarchal blessing of George M. Hinkle on September 26, 1835]

George M. Hinkle, was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, November 13, 1801.

Brother Hinkle, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head, and I seal upon thee the blessings of a father, which shall be for thee and thy children after thee down to the end of time; for, behold, thou art of the seed of Abraham, and I seal upon thee the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And inasmuch as thou hast been faithful thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of Ephraim, for thou art his descendant. And if thou wilt be faithful, and keep all the commandments, thou shalt be endowed and have power to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth. All things shall give way before thee; for the Lord thy God will watch over thee, and when thou art afflicted with sickness and disease, he will heal thee. When thou goest forth to proclaim, if needful to accomplish thy mission, thou shalt have power to call down fire, to remove mountains; and if thou art cast into pits or prisons, they shall have no power over thee to hold thee.

Thou shalt bring thousands and tens of thousands to a knowledge of the truth; yea, even thou shalt baptize hundreds and thousands, and great shall be the power of thy God which shall attend thee in thy ministry, if thou art faithful. If thou wilt receive it, thou shalt receive all these blessings, and stand upon the earth at the coming of the Lord. And I seal upon thy children and thy companion, all needful blessings. And this is the blessing of thy father now, and thy posterity: I seal them upon thee in the name of Jesus; even so. Amen.

Frederick G. Williams, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, Sept. 26, 1835, and recorded Dec. 30, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:28]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Smith on September 26, 1835]

Sept 26th 1835. (only taken down in part)

A Blessing given at Kirtland by Joseph Smith sen. Patriarch upon the head of John Smith son of Asael and Mary Smith, born July 16th 1781. In Deryfield, Newhampshire.

My brother son of my mother, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee the blessing of a father, since thou hast no father and also a Patriarchal Blessing; and thy posterity shall be blessed, and have power to do much good in their day and generation; thy mind shall be enlarged and thy seed and posterity shall become great. Thou shalt sit in council with thy forefathers and with the ancient of days: I seal upon thy head all the blessings of Joseph and also all the blessings of Earth and Heaven, for thou hast been afflicted much, but the Lord will make it up unto thee, for thou shalt be had in remembrance at the day of the coming of the Lord, and if thou Should be called to lay down thy body, thou shalt come forth and meet them in the clouds if thou art faithfull. I ask my Heavenly Father to give thee power to save thy wife's relatives, according to the desire of thy heart and bring them up in the first resurrection; the number of thy years shall

be according to thy faith, even to be like those of Moses; thine eye shall not be dim neither shall thy natural force be abated; thy name shall be known to the ends of the earth; and they shall seek to thee for council, even the great men from the ends of the earth; thy children shall receive the Holy Priesthood in common with thee and they shall be instruments in the hand of God, in bringing many souls to the truth: all these Blessings I seal upon thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Recorded by his youngest Son John L. Smith G S L [Great Salt Lake] City Utah. Feb. 14th 1859. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:142-143]

[Patriarchal blessing of Clarrisa Smith on September 26, 1835]

Sept. 26. 1835.

A Blessing give at Kirtland by Joseph Senr. Patriarch upon the head of Clarisa Smith daughter of Richard and Philomela Lyman born June 27. 1790. Lebanon, Grafton Co. Newhampshire.

Beloved Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee a Father Blessing in the name of Jesus Christ and I ask my Heavenly Father to increase thy faith; and inasmuch as thou hast been grievously afflicted with the inflam[m]ation in thine eyes, I ask my Heavenly Father that thy body may be strengthened, that thy faith my increase, thou mayest receive thy sight; thou shalt be blessed in common with thy Husband with the Holy Priesthood; thy sensitive powers and every faculty of thy mind shall increase; and thou shalt have claim by the power of faith and the Lord shall return thine apostate brother to the bosom of the church and the days of thy mourning for him shall cease; thou shalt have power to bring many if not all thy relatives to a knowledge of the truth; I seal all the blessings upon thee, which were sealed upon thy companion, with long life and every temporal blessing; I also seal thee up to eternal Life, by the authority of the Holy Priesthood. Amen.

John L. Smith Recorder. G S L [Great Salt Lake] City Feb. 14. 1859

The two foregoing blessings were taken down only in part. and that part has been missing & was not recorded in their regular place J. L. Smith. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:143]

[Blessing on Newel K. Whitney by Joseph Smith Jr.⁸ on October 7, 1835]

The following blessing was given by president Joseph Smith, Jr. through the Urim and Thummim, according to the spirit of prophecy and revelation, on Wednesday, the 7th of October, 1835, and written by president Frederick G. Williams, who acted as Clerk

Blessed of the Lord is brother Whitney, even the bishop of the church of the Latter Day Saints; for the bishopric shall never be taken away from him while he liveth. And the time cometh that he shall overcome all the narrow mindedness of his heart, and all his covetous desires that so easily besetteth him; and he shall deal with a liberal hand to the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted, the widow and the fatherless: and marvelously and miraculously shall the Lord his God provide for him, even that he shall be blessed with all the fulness of the good things of this earth, and his seed after him from generation to generation. And it shall come to pass, that according to the measure that he meeteth out with a liberal hand unto the poor, so shall it be measured to him again, by the hand of his God, even an hundred fold. Angels shall guard his house, and shall guard the lives of his posterity, and they shall become very great and very numerous on the earth

8. This blessing of Newel K. Whitney was recorded in Joseph Smith's journal by Frederick G. Williams under the same date.

Whomsoever be blesseth they shall be blessed: whomsoever he curseth they shall be cursed. And when his enemies seek him unto his hurt and destruction let him rise up and curse, and the hand of God shall be upon his enemies, in judgment, and they shall be utterly confounded and brought to desolation. Therefore he shall be preserved unto the uttermost, and his life shall be precious in the sight of the Lord. He shall rise up and shake himself, as a lion riseth out of his rest and roareth until he shaketh the hills: and as a lion goeth forth among the lesser beasts, so shall the goings forth of him be whom the Lord hath annointed to exalt the poor and humble the rich: Therefore his name shall be on high and his rest among the sanctified.

Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. Recorded January 22, 1836. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:33-34]

[Patriarchal blessing of Asahel Perry on October 15, 1835]

Asahel Perry was born in Williamsburgh, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, February 26, 1785.

Brother Perry, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head, and I say unto thee, let the solemnities of eternity rest upon thee, and the Holy Spirit be shed forth in thy heart. Thou hast been rebellious against the work of the Lord, in that thou hast buried thy talent, as it were, in the earth; but if thou wilt stir up thyself to faithfulness before the Lord, and humble thyself before him thou shalt obtain forgiveness and receive the Holy Spirit. Thou shalt see the heavens open, and thy soul shall be ravished with the glories of the eternal worlds; and thou shalt be enabled to proclaim the gospel with power and authority, even that those who hear thee shall be confounded; for the Spirit of the living God shall give thee wisdom and understanding, and thou shalt be enabled to execute thy mission. Thou shalt go forth to the nations of the earth, and proclaim to people afar off.

Thou hast yet a great work to do, for many will be the souls which thou wilt be instrumental in calling into the kingdom, if thou wilt give heed to the voice of the Lord. The holy angels shall minister unto thee, and no power shall prevent thee from doing the will and commandments of thy God. I seal upon thee the blessings of a father that thou and thy posterity may be blessed: and I say thou shalt be blessed and thy posterity after thee, with the privileges and benefits of the kingdom of God, equal with others; and they shall have inheritances with the saints and remain to partake of the blessings of the glorious rest when all know the Lord from the least to the greatest. I confirm upon thee the holy ministry whereunto thou hast been ordained. Thou shalt tarry many years, even as long as thou shalt be useful in the kingdom of thy God. Strengthen thy faith, dear brother, for in due time thou shalt receive a fulness of the joys of thy soul; and thou shalt see the fruit of thy mission and thy ministry greatly multiplied. Thou shalt have power to call thy friends and kindreds into the church. I seal thee up unto eternal life; for the blessings of heaven are yours, and thy name is written on high. And if thou art faithful all these blessings shall come upon thee; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, October 15, 1835, and recorded the same day. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:21]

[Patriarchal blessing of Marcellus McKown on December 9, 1835]

Marcellus McKown was born in Pompy, Onondaga County, New York, September 9th, 1807.

Brother, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and my heavenly Father to seal upon thee all the blessings of the priesthood. Inasmuch as thou hast desired, with all thy heart, that which John desired, and hast embraced, with all thy soul, the cause of the Lord, the desires of thy heart shall be granted. Thou art of the tribe of Joseph, and shalt be blessed in labor, even to the sealing of these blessings upon thy children and children's children, down to the latest generation. Thy seed shall be as the of

heaven. Thy mind shall be enlarge: thy heart shall expand, as it were, to comprehend thy God. Thou shalt circumf[e]rence the earth. Thou shalt be enabled to ward off judgments; and no power shall stand before thee if thou confide in thy God. Thou shalt behold the judgments and distress that shall come upon this generation. Thou shalt have great power with thy God, and shall behold his glory. Thou shalt be blessed with health and long life, and many blessings upon thy family, even to the sealing of them up unto eternal life. Angels shall minister unto thee, and thou shalt see Christ in the flesh. Thy companion is blessed in common with thee, and is sealed up unto eternal life like unto her husband, and thou shalt write to her, and these blessings shall be enjoy unto her, in afflictions, inasmuch as thou art faithful; even so. Amen.

Erastus Wightman, Clerk. Given in Willoughby, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Dec. 9, 1835, and recorded in this book the 21st. of the same month. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:25]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Hitchcock on December 16, 1835]

Jesse Hitchcock was born in in Ash County, North Carolina, August 10, 1801.

Brother Jesse, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head to seal upon thee a father's blessing, because thy father hath become an idolator. Thou hast seen affliction, but the Lord hath preserved thee for a great work. Thou art of the seed of Israel and a servant of the Lord to assist in building up his kingdom in these last days preparatory to his coming to reign on the earth a thousand years. Thou, if faithful in keeping all the commandments, shall be instrumental in carrying salvation to many, and of doing many marvelous acts. And if thou desirest thou mayest be translated: or, if thou desirest, thou mayest tarry to see thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven. Thou shalt be a mighty man if faithful: thou shalt have power even as Alma of old. Yea, if thou seekest diligently, thou shalt have power to save thy father and his household. Yea, thou shalt have power to do many great things: nothing shall be to hard for thee: the rivers shall obey thy voice, and the wicked shall tremble at the power and greatness of thy deeds if thou continuest to magnify thyself before the Lord in righteousness. I seal upon thee this blessing in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Wm. W. Phelps, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, Dec. 16, 1835, and recorded in this book the 22nd of the same month. O. Cowdery, R[ecorder] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:26]

[Patriarchal blessing of Applia Dow on December 17, 1835]

Applia Dow's Blessing

Sister, thou art an orphan, lonely and deprived of thy dearest friend, cast out, no father[']s house or mother to comfort thee, but the Lord shall uphold thee and keep thy heart which has been broken while thy children shall be near unto thee and be saved with thee in the celestial kingdom. Thy prayers are heard and shall be answered and thy soul comforted. Thine ears shall soon be saluted with the sound of thy former companions, death if he does not repent and you are free from him and at liberty to be married to another & if thou desire thou shalt yet have a companion & call thy children home & they shall be blessed and become sheep of the good shepherd. Thou art a child of God even from thy youth. a daughter of Abraham, and thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life, so that no power can be able to draw thee away. for thy mind is pure and thou art a favorite of heaven and thy home in celestial glory. shall see visions and thy Redeemer shall stand in thy presence and give thee the gift of wisdom and of healing that thou mayest save thyself and thine from the power of the destroyer & all the gifts necessary for thee shall be given unto thee, either for time or for eternity, even so Amen.

Given Decr. 17th 1835 by J. Smith Senior Sylvester Smith Clerk. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:39]

[Patriarchal blessing of Harlow Redfield and companion on December 26, 1835]

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Snr. Kirtland Dec 26. 1835 upon the head of Eld[er]. Harlow Redfield, born Killingworth Middlesex co. C.T. Sept 25th A.D 1801

Brother Redfield — In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head & confirm a patriarchal [patriarchal] blessing thee by authority of the Holy Priesthood. even the blessing of a father which shall descend to thy posterity which shall call thee blessed in consequence of the covenants & blessings which thou shalt obtain thou must be faithful & teach teach thy children righteousness. God hath had his eye upon thee from thy early life & watched over thee & raised thee up for a good purpose. even in eternity he looked upon thee & thou art sealed up unto eternal life & thine [thine] eye shall see him for thou art of the seed of Joseph even the pure blood of Ephraim Satan hath desired to afflict thee & thou hast seen his power in thy family which is the power of death.

Thou must resign thyself into the hands of thy God & sink down into his will & he will give thee joy & thou shalt see thy Redeemer & know for thyself like Job & be equal to the task of proclaiming the gospel [gospel] in all places. for thou shalt continue in the gospel field so long as there is one wicked man on the face of the whole earth to hear thy voice. Thou shalt stand upon the earth till the end of wickedness & see the winding up scene. God shall support thee & be with thee to deliver thee from the power of all thy enemies. & give thee power over fire to command all things, heal the sick, cast out Devils open the eyes of the blind, & do all things that shall come within thy mission to do. Thou shalt stand among the 100 & 44000 even as thou hast desired, with the thousands which thou shalt gather from the nations & present spotless before the throne of God And thy joy & rejoicings shall be even a fulness of celestial glory — I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen

Also a blessing for thy companion who is absent She also is sealed up unto eternal life. & I seal a blessing for her even all power which shall be necessary for her in all circumstances, that she may be able to resist the adversary, & escape the power of the destroyer — She shall remain on the earth even to the end of time & live till She is fully satisfied with life, & the blessing of heaven shall rest upon her, & she shall be qualified for every duty — with wisdom, intel[l]igence, all things both for her & her children, to teach them their duties & govern her house in the absence of her husband. & be accepted at last in the celestial kingdom. These & all kneadful [needful] blessings I seal for her in the name of Jesus Amen.

Written for H. Redfield By Sylvester Smith Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Lyman Wight on December 29, 1835]

Lyman Wight was born in Fairfield, Herkimer County, New York, May 9, 1796.

Brother Wight, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee, and seal upon thy head the blessings of a father, and the authority of thy ministry. The enemy will seek to destroy thee; for he will try to lift thee up in pride, and make thee think much of thyself for thy elequence [eloquence]: but be careful, and not let the pride of thy heart destroy thee, for thou art called to preach the gospel of Jesus, even thy Redeemer, to the ends of the earth; and if thou art faithful in keeping all the commandments of the Lord, thou shalt have power to prevail with him, that he will deliver thee from the grasp of thy enemies and bring thee off triumphant over all the powers of darkness. Thou hast labored much in the cause of thy God, even since the word was proclaimed in these regions, and great shall be thy rejoicing with those who were converted under thy ministry, in as much as they remain faithful, in the great day to come; yea, and great shall be thy reward in the Kingdom of God: for it is in thy power, by keeping the commandments, to call thy thousands into the true fold, even among tongues and languages that thou knowest not: therefore, gird up thy loins like a man of God, lay aside every principle which is not ordained of him, seek humility and

faith, that thy mind may be stayed upon the God of Jacob, who will deliver thee from the powers of darkness, and give thee power to do mighty works: the sick shall be healed under thy ministration, the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the deaf shall hear and the lame shall walk.

The Spirit of the Lord shall be poured upon thee in great abundance, so that thy heart shall be comforted in the hour of affliction, for know assuredly that many afflictions will come upon thee when thou art far from thy home, gathering up the Lord's elect: and thy heart will be filled with many sorrows when thy eyes shall behold the calamity and distress which shall come upon the wicked; for thou shalt see many people visited with the wrath and indignation of the most high, because they reject the fulness of the gospel. Thou art a descendant of Joseph, and shall be numbered with his horns to push the people together. The Lord loves thee; but satan will seek to destroy thee, but shall not prevail; for thou shalt grow stronger and stronger, if diligent before the Lord, till no power of hell shall be able to turn thee from thy steadfastness.

Thy wife and thy children shall be blessed in common with thee. God shall comfort the heart of thy companion in thy absence: this day she shall feel the warming influence of the Holy Spirit to comfort her: for she is of the seed of Abraham, and shall have all blessings in common with thee. And thy children shall be blessed to the latest generation; for they shall possess their inheritances with the people of God, and shall dwell upon the land of Zion forever. Be faithful, brother Wight, and I seal thee up unto eternal life, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

Frederick G. Williams, Clerk. Given in Kirtland Ohio, December 29, 1835, and recorded January 1, 1836. Oliver Cowdery, Re'r. [Recorder] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:29-30]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ezra Hayes on December 29, 1835]

Ezra Hayes was born in Burton, Geauga County, Ohio, January 28, 1800.

Brother Hayes, in the name of thy Redeemer I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce the blessings of a father upon thee, for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy posterity after thee. And I seal thy ordination upon thee that thou mayest bring many souls unto salvation. Thou shalt be made mighty in proclaiming the gospel, if thou wilt be diligent before the Lord in searching after wisdom; for he will be on thy right hand and on thy left, and his angels will go before thee to deliver thee from the hands of those who seek thy life. Thou shalt have power to bring many of thy father's family to know the truth; for the Lord will make thy words mighty to their conversion. Thou must travel to preach the gospel, and thou shalt have power to proclaim it to the ends of the earth, and many shall be gathered to the places of refuge through the power of thy testimony, if thou art faithful to thy calling. Thou shalt have life temporal and life spiritual, and thy children after thee. And I seal thee up unto eternal life, and command all these blessings upon thy head inasmuch as thou art faithful, in the name of Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

F. G. Williams, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, December 29, 1835, and recorded January 1, 1836. O. Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:30]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Morey on December 29, 1835]

George Morey was born in Pittstown, New York, Nov. 13th 1803

Brother Morey in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee a father's blessing, for thy benefit and the benefit of thy posterity after thee forever, for it shall come to pass when thou hast gone home, the words of the prophets of these days shall be searched and in the book of blessings shall be found inheritances promised by the mouth of the Lord and their right through faithfulness and holiness to the holy priesthood. Thou hast had many temptations and Satan has sought thy destruction: but if thou art faithful and dost continue in humility the Lord will give the power to overcome his

wicked desires. Thou shalt have power to deliver thyself from all thy enemies and triumph over every one that shall unrighteously oppose thy way.

Thou must go forth and preach the gospel, but thou wilt have many dangers and afflictions to pass through: yet the Lord will extend his mighty hand for thy deliverance, and his holy angels will be round about thee. Thou shalt be endowed with much wisdom and great understanding, if thou wilt diligently seek after the same, for the Lord will make of thee a mighty man in the gospel, and thou shalt convince many thousands of the way of life. Thou shalt lift up thy voice in distant countries, and astonish the great men of the earth with the power of God, which shall be at thy command, and they shall fall down and confess of a truth, that the Lord is thy strength and thy support. Thou art a son of Zion, even an inhabitant of that goodly land, and thou shalt have an inheritance with thy brethren there, and thy posterity after thee. I seal all these blessings upon thee, and also seal thee up unto eternal life. And if thou art faithful and thy seed after thee, all these blessings shall come upon thee & upon them even so, Amen.

Given in Kirtland Ohio Decr. 29th 1835 [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:37]

[Patriarchal blessing of Orson Hyde on December 29, 1835]

Brother Hyde — In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head the second time to bless thee and thou shalt be blest — I give unto thee a Father's Blessing — a blessing that shall reach thy Posterity. The time will come when thou shalt behold thy Redeemer — thou shalt behold him face to face — he will instruct thee into the mysteries of his kingdom — he will show thee the right way. He will give thee wisdom and understanding. Thou hast a great work to do in the Earth and thou must be faithful and do thy duty or blood will be found in thy skirts. Thou shalt travel to the ends of the earth and among thy kingdom — thou shalt have power to know his spirit — Yea brother thou shalt travel from land to land from sea to sea and from island to island and be a mighty man in the Earth. Thou shalt have all power. Thou wilt have enemies and they will have power to confine thee within the walls of a prison for a little season. Thou shalt be able to deliver thyself from prison and from the hands of wicked men. No power of the enemy shall stay thy hand.

Thou shall have power over prisons and prison walls and over fires and floods. Thou shall have power to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel to all nations and bring many of thy fellowmen into the kingdom. Thou shall bring them to Zion. Thou and thy posterity shall have inheritance in Zion. Thy children shall be great in the earth. Thou and they shall stand among the Saints. The Lord will lengthen out thy life and give thee blessings — spiritual and temporal. Yea thou shalt stand on the earth and behold thy Savior and meet him in the cloud when he comes with power and great glory to reward his saints and judge his enemies. Thou shalt stand to witness the winding up scene of this generation. If thou art faithful thou shalt have the desires of thy heart and rejoice in the God and rock of thy Salvation. This is thy blessing in the name of Jesus Christ. I seal it on thy head. By the powers of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of Jesus, I seal thee up to Eternal Live. Amen and Amen.

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Blessings by Joseph Smith Sr.
Dated 1836

[Patriarchal blessing of Abigail Dow on January 9, 1836]

Abigail Dow was born in Brutus New York April 14th 1818.

Sister Snow [sic; Dow] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head & seal upon thee this blessing of a father that thy right and thy inheritance among the saints of God may be secured unto thee. Therefore lift up thy heart and rejoice and let thy mind be solemn in presence of the Lord, for according to thy desires in righteousness, thou shalt receive. And it shall come to pass in process of time that thou shalt be healed of thy lameness, and be raised up and be made a mother in Israel; and thy posterity shalt be kept in the covenant of grace, and like thyself enjoy long life and all the blessings of earth and heaven which can be desired in righteousness before the Lord. For the angels shall be round about thee on thy right hand and on thy left. and the Holy Spirit shall rest upon thee, and thy heart shall be made large with the glories of the upper world. Be faithful. keep all the commandments of God. Live virtuously and soberly and great shall be thy reward, even peace in this life and salvation in the world to come, even so Amen.

F. G. Williams Clerk Given in Kirtland Ohio January 9th 1836 [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:39]

[Patriarchal blessing of Henry Garrett¹ on January 29, 1836]

Henry Garrett, born in Deerfield, Onidea Co. N.Y. Sept 5. AD. 1814 —

Bro. I bless thee by the authority of the Priesthood [the] Lord had eye upon thee, Satan seek destruction relatives also I seal thee unto life. power to tread the adversa[r]y under thy feet & be useful reclaim friends. be a son of God, an heir jointly with Jesus Christ. stand on the earth if faithful till thou hast recd all the desires of thy heart which are in righteousness, the Lord shall bless thy chil[dren] after thee with the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob, shall walk with companion to the House of God & see his glory fill the house & thou shalt receive all the blessings which thy heart can desire — I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles H. Smith on January 29, 1836]

Charles H. Smith born in Potsdam St. Lawrence Co Ny. April 16. 1817 —

Thou art in thy youth — satan will lay many snares for thee but I secure thee by the power of the holy priesthood from his grasp. thou hast no father — an orphan. The Lord shall watch over thee & keep thee & thou shalt receive the priesthood & be mighty in word, save father[']s house receive all the blessings

1. The six blessings recorded on January 29, 1836, are synopses only of the blessings received.

of the Earth even of A[braham] I[saac] & Jacob — stand on earth till Redeemer [Redeemer] com[es] & do all that the power of the holy priesthood can qualify thee for. I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Marietta Carter on January 29, 1836]

Marietta Carter born in Benson Rutland Co. Vt. April 1, AD. 1818 —

Thou art an orphan & the Lord shall bless thee more than thy own father could do if he had not been taken from thee — thy name is written in the Book of life — become a companion & a mother — Lord bless thy children & some of them shall prophecy — thy father laid down his life for the redemption of Zion — his spirit watches over thee — thy heart shall be filled with light not sleep in the dust — see thy Redeemer [Redeemer] come in the clouds of heaven. & be caught up to meet him & be ever with him — these blessings I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Angeline Carter on January 29, 1836]

Angeline Carter born in Benson Rutland co. V.t. Aug[u]st 26 1823

Thou art a child — thy heart is pure & Satan shall have no power over thee because of thy blessing God shall be thy father, an heir with Jesus — observe the words of thy friends who care for thee & seek to please them. The Lord will give thee children & wisdom to teach them righteousness, & they shall be blest of the Lord & call thee blessed, a daughter of Abraham live till satisfied with life. I seal the[e] up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Joanna Carter on January 29, 1836]

Joanna Carter born in Putnam Ny — Nov. 26. AD. 1824 —

I seal the blessings of a father, thy father is no more. blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob. strength health healed of all infirmities. Satan have no power to afflict — Lord guard thee by his holy Angels — name written in heaven — eyes opened to see visions Angels minister unto thee — a companion — lead thee to the house of God — see the glory of God fill the house — see the end of this generation — have power to stand against all the power of satan & overcome through the faith which is in Jesus. I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Nancy Carter on January 29, 1836]

Nancy Carter born in Benson Rutland Co. V.t. Feby. 26 AD. 1827 —

Thou art a child — the Lord loves thee Satan shall seek in vain to destroy thee — Lord raise friends for thee which shall guard thee from the destroyer. thy name is written in heaven live to see the winding up of this generation Angels shall watch over thee in thy youth Eyes op[e]ned — see thy God — raise children in righteousness & they shall be blest & call thee blessed because of thy diligence in teaching them the doctrine of the kingdom. I seal all these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Ebenezer Robinson on January 31, 1836]

A Patriarchal Blessing by Joseph Smith Senr. Kirtland Ohio January 31st 1836 For Ebenezer Robinson who was born in Floyd, Oneida Co. N.Y. May 25th 1816.

Brother Robinson, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm the blessing of Abraham Isaac & Jacob upon thee Thou art an orphan as to the things of the kingdom. Thy father

hath not known his duty nor understood the will of God, yet if thou wilt seek with all thy might thou shalt win him to the truth, either in this world or that which is to come. & I confirm this blessing upon thee. Thou hast been willing to listen to the voice of the good shepherd and to obey the truth. The Lord has called after thee when thou wast wand [vain] followed after the imagination of thine own heart. Thou art of the Seed of Abraham & a son of the covenant, and shall be called to proclaim the gospel to the nations of the earth, to many kindred & tongues and to a people that ar[t] afar off. This is thy calling and the birth whereunto thou art called & the Lord shall make thee mighty in the ministry.

Thou shalt speak like unto an angel of God: and the powers of God shall attend thy words, and all things shall be subject unto thee through faith, & thou shalt have power to remove every obstacle Mountains shall tremble before thee, and rivers shall divide at thy command, and whatsoever thou shalt desire to do which is right shall be given thee to do. Thou shalt be blest in thy posterity to the latest generation and after generations shall rise up and call thee blessed. Thou shalt escape the power of pain and of sickness, if thou art faithful, and thy days shall be many and thou shalt preach the Gospel, while there are any to hear & stand upon the earth till thy Redeemer comes in the clouds of heaven. & no power shall be able to take away thy life for thou shalt prevail over all thy enemies and be a conqueror through the victory and triumph of the Lamb. and stand with him on mount Zion, and thy blessing shall be sure unto thee. for I seal them upon thee, and I seal the[e] up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:108]

[Patriarchal blessing of Angeline Eliza Robinson (January 31, 1836)]

Also of Angeline his wife who was born in Aurelius Cayuga Co. N.Y August 22d 1813.

Sister let thy heart be humble & believe. Thou hast been afflicted with sickness & thou shalt yet be afflicted if thou art not faithful but I lay my hands upon thee in the name of Jesus & command that Satan shall have no power over thee to afflict thee with sickness if thou wilt believe and be faithful, he shall not prevail against thee nor be able to draw thee away from thy God for the Lord thy God loveth thee and in a very few months thou shalt be the very picture of health and thou shalt be healed of all thine infirmities. & I seal all necessary power to resist the enemy to over come. Thou must be faithful in all thy duties to thy companion and children & when he is called away from thee. then thou must be patient and the Lord shall take care of thee and thy life shall be hid with Christ in God and thy life shall be as the life of thy husband even to the coming of the Son of God. and thou shalt raise up children to the glory of God

Thy name is written in heaven and shall never be blotted out except thou deny thy God & that knowingly. Thy children shall be mighty before God and shall bear his name before the wise and noble. Angels shall minister unto thee and God shall comfort thee in all thy sufferings [sufferings]. Thou shalt hear his voice speaking to thee from the heavens teaching thee the things of the kingdom. Thou shalt stand upon the earth till thy husband returns after accomplishing his ministry to the nations & then thou shalt hail him and thy joy shall be full. & the glory of God shall fill thy soul even a glory and a joy which thou art now able to appreciate. I seal these blessings upon thee and all the blessings that thou needest that they may be sure unto thee. and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus, even so Amen.

Sylvester Smith Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:108-109]

[Patriarchal blessing of Julian Moses (February 20, 1836)]

Blessing of Julian Moses who was born at Norfolk, Litchfield County Ct. A.D. 1810

Brother Moses; I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of thy Redeemer even Jesus C[h]rist the son of the living God, and I ask my heavenly Father to put the same thoughts in my heart that our Re-

deemer would speak if he were in my place. & I ask that all things may be done in righteousness, and I seal upon thy head, the blessings of a father, whether he blesses thee or not yea, thou shalt yet attain to the Melchisideck Priesthood, and thou shalt receive blessing upon blessing, and thou shalt not fall a prey to that monster that fell from his high standing, before the most high: Thou shalt be blessed with all the blessings pertaining to the Aaronic priesthood, and thou shalt fill up thy days in usefulness, and thou shalt come up to the Melchisideck priesthood, and if faithful thou shalt stand upon the earth, and proclaim the gospel as long as there shall be a wicked man, upon the face of the whole earth, to hear the sound thereof, and thou shalt have visions and shalt gaze upon the heavens, and the glories thereof, and thou shalt arise up to meet Christ in the air, while the earth shall reel to and fro and be cleansed and prepared for the saints and if thy father also shall bless thee, then thou shalt receive a double blessing. And thou art faithful I seal all these blessings upon thy head, and I ask my heavenly Father to seal them upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:53-54]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonathan Crosby on February 21, 1836]

A Patriarchal Blessing, by Joseph Smith Senior Kirtland Feb 21st AD 1836

Jonathan Crosby Jun, born in Wendall, Franklin Co Mass. July 20th 1807

Brother Crosby, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus, and confirm the blessings of a father upon thee, and for thy posterity also, for thou shalt raise up children, and the Lord shall bless them, and they shall be kept in the covenant of Abraham, and receive the holy priesthood. And thou shalt have great joy over them, if thou wilt discharge thy duty unto them. Thou hast been called with an high and holy calling. The Lord hath looked upon thee in past days, and thou hast obeyed His voice, even the voice of the good Shepherd, in obeying the gospel. Thou art of the seed of Israel, even an Ephraimite, and the Lord shall give thee power to claim thy father, and all thy connexions [connections] according to the flesh, that thy joy may be full.

The visions of heaven shall be open unto thee, and the voice of thy God shall speak unto thee, so that thou shalt know for thyself. I seal all former blessings, Even the blessings of the holy anointing, which thou hast received, and the most holy priesthood, which has been confirmed upon thee. Thou shalt go from land to land, and preach in large ships of the ocean, and have power over the winds and waves. Be wafted from place to place, by the power of God. Be caught up to the third heavens, and behold unspeakable things, whether in the body or out. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer in the flesh, and know that He lives. Angels shall minister unto thee, and protect thee from thine enemies, so that none shall be able to take thy life. And when thy mission is full here, thou shalt visit other worlds, and remain a Priest in eternity. Thou shalt stand upon the earth 'till the Redeemer comes, See the end of this generation, and when the heavens rend, thou shalt rise and meet thy God in the air. And thy thousands shall be with thee. Thy family also, and thy posterity also. If thou wilt live for these blessings, thou shalt receive them. And I seal thee up unto eternal life, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Caroline Crosby (February 21, 1836)]

Also Caroline his wife. Born in Warwick Franklin co. Mass Jan 5th AD 1807

Sister Crosby, let thy heart rejoice. Thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life. Thy heart is pure, and thou shalt be blest. Thou shalt never want for blessings if thou wilt keep the commandments I seal blessings for thee in common with thy husband. Thy life shall be as his life, and thy years as his years, And thou also shalt see thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven, and thy joy shall be full. When thou prayest in faith the Lord shall answer thy prayers. Angels shall minister unto thee. And thy husband shall receive

strength from thy prayers when he is absent from thee. And you shall know each others state by the Spirit when in far distant lands, and be comforted. Thou shalt receive an inheritance in Zion, for thee and thy children. See the glory of God fill the house. Even the glory of the kingdom of heaven And if thou desirest thou shalt bid the grave adieu, and never sleep in the dust, but rise to meet thy Redeemer at His coming, and shalt then be forever with the Lord. I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sylvester Smith — scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Oliver Harmon on March 8, 1836]

Brother. In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head ac[c]ording to the authority [authority] given me of God an[d] the power of the holy Priesthood I seal the blessings of a Father upon thee. thou must now Keep the Commandments of God because thou hast lived many years in sin & vanity. yet the Lord hath looked on thee & brought thee into the covenant of the people in the last days & made thee an heir of Abraham & joint heir with Jesus Christ. & I seal a blessing for thy Children & thy Children[']s Children & they shall be rec[k]oned in thy covenant [covenant] even in the covenant of Abraham & receive an inheritance with their brethren in Zion. thou shalt hold them by the prayer of faith & present them spotless before God in the Kingdom of the Father.

thou must Seek wisdom & Keep the Word of Wisdom, & thou Shalt live till thou art Satisfied with life, & the distroyer [destroyer] Shall have no power to prevail against thee, thou Shalt have power over death & the grave & not sleep in the dust, but if thou wilt seek with all thy heart thou shalt be able to translate & be with Elijah in the Kingdom of heaven. & if not then God['s] will shall be done. thou shalt have power to save thy relatives & keep them by faith from all the power of satan so that he Shall have no dominion over them. these blessings I seal for thee. & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Harmon on March 8, 1836]

Sister I also lay my hands upon thy head, an[d] Confirm blessings in common with thy husband, thou art, as it were of one age, & thy days shall be spent together, thy life also shall be presious [precious] in the sight of thy God. thy day[s] shall be as his days, & thy years as his years. thou shalt see much calamity come on this generation. & great things shall take place in thy day. Zion shall be built up a holy city. the glory of God rest on the land. & wickedness shall be destroyed from off the face of the earth, thou shalt see the desires of thy Soul & be Satsfeid if thou desire thou shalt tarry till the Redeemer [Redeemer] comes. and thou Shalt see him in the flesh. an[d] thy blessings shall be on the blessing of thy husband in this thing also. & thou Shalt triumph over the grave. thou art a daughter of Abraham & of the seed of Israel an[d] thy children Shall be Kept in the covenant. thou Shalt be one served in health & have the blessings of the earth even all things according to thy desires. both Spiritual & tempo[r]al, an[d] I seal thee up unto eternal life in the nam[e] of Jesus. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles Jameson on March 21, 1836]

A Patriarchal Blessing By Joseph Smith Senr. Kirtland ohio. March 21. 1836 Charles Jameson Born in Kertorous York Co. P.a. April 9. 1803

Brother Jameson Let thy heart rejoice, the Lord loves thee & thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life. I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord & seal a father[']s blessing upon thee, for thou art an orphan & hast no father to bless thee, but God shall be thy father & he hath reserved a blessing for thee, & if thou wilt keep the commandments thou shalt be made an heir jointly with Jesus Christ. thou art a son of Abraham, of the seed of Joseph, an Ephraimite by blood. & if thou wilt seek to be prepared thou

shalt in the due time of the Lord [illegible] the holy priesthood & be one to push the people together from the [e]nds of the Earth & do much good, thou art a peculiar man, the Lord hath looked upon thee from the begging [beginning] & designed to make thee a mig[h]ty man before him & a means of doing much good in the Earth, seek thy God with all thy might & powers & thou shalt find him, thou seen afflictions in thy days & shalt see many more, but the Lord shall be with thee & bless thee. thy companion also & thy little ones with blessing upon blessing. if thou bring them up in the fear of the Lord they shall receive the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob.

thy seed shall be many numerous even like Israel, & thou shalt see them in the Kingdom of heaven praising God & great shall be thy joy on their account thou shalt be the means of saving many souls, & those whom thou shalt convince of the truth of the gospel shall be as stars in thy crown of glory — thou shalt have power to stand on Earth till the heavens shall rend. the Earth reel to & fro, & stagger like a drunken man. shalt gaze upon the glories of the Redeemer [Redeemer] & have power to stand & not be consumed with the wicked. shall be clothed upon with the righteousness of Christ. have on the wedding garments enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb with those whom thou shalt gather from the Nations & stand in the midst of the hundred & forty & four thousands which John saw having the harps of God. these are thy blessings & thou shalt receive them if faithful for I seal them upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen

Sylvester Smith scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Baker on March 22, 1836]

A Patriarchal blessing by Joseph Smith Senior Kirtland Ohio 22d March 1836 for Jesse Baker who was born in Charleston R[h]ode Island January 23 1778

Brother, thou art an Elderly man and according to the common course of nature must soon go down to the grave, yet the Lord thy God is able to keep the[e] many years. and I lay my hands on thy head in the name of Jesus and seal as upon an orphan. a father[']s blessings, even the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob. All blessings which thou canst ask or desire & if thou desirest and will keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments thy life shall be secure unto thee [illegible] to the end and thy years shall be many. Thou shalt receive an inheritance in Zion and see the glories of Zion and be a sharer therein. Thou shalt yet speak the word of life to many people and the Lamanites shall hear thy voice and hear the word of truth from thy mouth and thou shalt yet be mighty in the kingdom of God: and if thy strength will permit thou shalt receive the ministry and travel forth even upon distant lands and proclaim the gospel to many people

Thou shalt see thy redeemer in the flesh & if thou wilt seek with all thy soul and bow thyself like Sampson to do the work of God and devote thy life to his service, treasure up wisdom and seek to know all things, thou shalt have the blessings of heaven above and of the earth beneath and thy posterity shall be blessed even with a multiplicity of blessings. Like Jacob teach, thy Daughter tell her to teach her children and so on to all generations and all thy generations shall be blest. Thou shalt live to see a good old age and know that thy Redeemer lives also, and when thou shalt desire to depart and live with with him. then it shall be thy privilege for thou shalt have thy desire in this matter. These are thy blessings and I seal them upon thy head and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:101]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sally Baker on March 22, 1836]

Also a patriarchal blessing of Joseph Smith Senior Kirtland Ohio March 22d 1836 for Sally Baker who was born in Rehoboth Massachusetts May 22 1782

Sister in the name of Jesus according to the power of the holy priesthood & the calling whereunto I

have been called, I seal blessings in common with thy companion. Thou must keep the word of wisdom and seek to serve God in all things. yea thou hast sought to do the will of thy heavenly Father and thou hast loved much, and thou shalt rejoice much; thy life shall be long. thou shalt see Zion built up and the people of God flourish upon the hills and the glory of God cover the land and thy soul shall be satisfied and thou shalt say it is enough.

If thou shalt desire, thou mayest depart and rest a little season but it shall be thy privilege to be translated and rise victorious over the grave and sing O death where is thy sting, O, grave where is thy victory, and leave the world behind. Thy posterity shall be blessed also and enter into all thy blessings thou must teach them the Gospel of the Kingdom and thou shalt have them with thee even all, for thy covenant shall reach them, and thy faith shall hold them for thy faith shall be strong in the Lord. Thou shalt see angels and thy soul shall be filled and thou shalt be satisfied with blessings for thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart & I seal all these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen

S. Smith Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:101-102]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ethan Barrows (March 23, 1836)]

Ethan Barrows was born in Dalton N.H. Coos County January 12th 1817

My young brother, thou art in the slippery paths of youth, and must watch lest thou fall into the snares of the enemy. Thou wilt live to see many sorrows and afflictions come upon this generation. The Lord hath a great work for thee to do & I lay my hands upon thy head to secure thy thy life, from all thine enemies and the power of the destroyer, and I bless thee with the blessings of the gospel and with power to stand against all the power of Satan, so that he shall not be able to prevail against thee. Thou must stand in the midst of wars and see man slay his fellow man while thousands shall fall by famine and pestilences upon thy right hand and on thy left, and the destroyer shall sweep his thousands by night and by day, and thine eye shall see it and thy heart will grieve, and thou shalt weep over the calamities that shall come upon thy fellow man. And the Lord shall speak to thee from the heavens & comfort thee. Angels shall minister unto thee and thou shalt rejoice in thy God in the midst of all the devastations which thou shalt behold.

Thou art of the seed of Jacob and shalt have all the power of the holy priesthood and minister unto many. Thou art one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together from the ends of the earth, and if thou wilt serve God with all thy might mind and strength, thou shalt receive a crown of celestial glory in the kingdom of the Father and live to see the end of this generation & proclaim the gospel to the end of the wicked, until the earth shall reel to and fro and stagger like a drunkard. at the coming of the glorious Messiah, for thou shalt live to see him come in the clouds of heaven, while thou art yet in the flesh. Thou must seek council at the hand of thy God, and keep all the commandments, and thou shalt receive all the power of the holy priesthood: power to raise the dead, heal the sick, cause the lame to walk and the dumb to speak. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself from land to land, and from country to country, from one end of heaven to the other, & when thy work is done, thou shalt be translated from earth to heaven. Thou art one of the hundred & forty four thousand, who shall stand upon mount Zion with the harps of God. These blessings the Lord shall give unto thee in his own due time, & I seal them for thee in the name of Jesus, & I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:36]

[Patriarchal blessing of Stephen Post (March 26, 1836)]

Blessing of Stephen Post, who was born in Greenwich, Washington County, N.Y. Jany. 3d 1810

In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father's blessing. Thou hast no father to bless but art an orphan as to the things of the kingdom, for thy natural father hath no power to bless thee.

but thou shalt be blessed with much good, and thy blessings shall descend to thy posterity even to the ends of the earth I seal a blessing for thy companion and children, and they shall be given unto thee and thou shalt raise them up for God, they shall receive the ministry and be a great blessing unto thee. Thou must seek to keep the commandments and the Lord will make thee equal to thy brethren in power, in strength, in activity. in all things. Thou shalt know all things, comprehend all wisdom, and if thou art called away before the Redeemer come, thou shalt continue to minister, for thou shalt preach to the spirits in prison. Be faithful before God, and all power both in heaven and under heaven shall be given unto thee. Thou shalt be crowned with many sheaves.

Thou shalt see thy Redeemer and behold the prints of the nails in his hands and his feet, and thou shalt weep when thou seest him and seek to wash his feet with tears like Mary. He shall lay his hands upon thee and confirm thy ordination with his own voice, and seal all power upon thy head and bless thee with all the feelings of a father, & then thy soul shall be satisfied. These blessings thou shalt receive if thou wilt seek with all thy heart; for I now seal them for thee and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus. even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:73]

[Zion blessing of Charles Coulson Rich² (April 2, 1836)]

Zion Blessing Kirtland April 24th 1836 by J. Smith Senior.

Blessing of Charles Coulson Rich.

Brother Charles, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands upon thy head and seal blessings according to the power of the holy priesthood and of the anointing and I say that the blessings of heaven shall rest upon thee. Thou art a son of Zion and hast been willing to lay down thy life for thy brethren, and the Lord hath accepted thy offering, even as Abraham's and thou art accepted of thy God and a favored child of heaven. Thou art a son of Joseph an Ephraimite by blood. The Lord hath looked on thee from the beginning and chosen thee from the foundation of the world to be a polished shaft in his quiver, even a mighty man before him. Thou shalt be blessed in thy outgoings and in thy incomings, an Israelite in deed like Nathaniel of old, Thy name is sealed in heaven, never to be blotted out.

Thy mind is honest before God and thy motives pure, & Satan shall have no power over thee. he hath sought to destroy thee and to darken thy mind, and to afflict thy body, but the Lord is thy deliverer, and thy life is hid with Christ in God and shall be kept from the destroyer unto the coming of the son of man. and thou shall preach the gospel till the Saviour comes in the clouds of heaven. Thou shalt be taught of God, and thy mind shall expand like Enoch's of old, and thou shalt be mighty as Enoch and none shall be mightier than thou. Thy posterity shall be blessed after thee and thy blessing shall reach unto thy children and thou shalt raise them up for God; and they shall reign with thee in the kingdom of heaven on earth, for thou art one of the [hundred and] forty & four thousand, which shall stand upon mount Zion with white robes, and thy joy shall be full. Thou shalt gather thousands to Zion, and save many orphans which shall be perishing around thee. Thou shalt weep over them when thou seest their calamities and seek them out and send them up to Zion. Thou shalt be a blessing to all wherever you shall go, and the Lord shall deliver thee from fetters, bonds, floods shall not have power to harm thee, nor fire to burn thee prisons shall not hold thee nations shall give way before thee and thou shalt have all the power of the holy priesthood, and command all things, and do all things which thou canst desire in righteousness. These blessings I seal for thee in the name of Jesus, Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:37-38]

2. A Zion Blessing was given to individuals who traveled to Missouri in 1834 to redeem Zion (Independence, Jackson County). The original Zion Blessing of Charles C. Rich is dated April 2, 1836 (LDS Archives).

[Patriarchal blessing of William Harris (May 2, 1836)]

William Harris was born in Fredericktown Newbrunswick Novascotia Jany. 19th 1803

Brother Harris, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head according to the authority of the Priesthood & the holy anointing, and the calling of God, and pronounce a patriarchal blessing upon thee. Thou hast been willing to leave thy native land for the cause of God Thou hast suffered much, and for all thy pains thou shalt be rewarded ten fold. The riches of the East shall flow unto thee in time and thou shalt receive the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, and they shall reach thy posterity also, & thy father's house shall follow on and be gathered with thee unto the mountain of Israel. Thou art of the seed of Israel and the Lord hath watched over thee to make thee a minister & he shall watch over thy seed and thou shalt have power to the extent of thy desires, and nothing shall be too hard for thee.

Thou shalt preach in thy native Land, far in the cold North. Thou shalt also preach in the South, in the East and in the West: and the Lord shall be with thee wherever thou shalt go & thou shalt win many souls. Angels shall be thy guard upon thy right hand and on thy left: even the twelve Legions shall watch over thee and fight thy battles before thee. Thou mayest see them if thou wilt believe, and if any arm is raised against thee it shall fall, and all weapons lifted to thy hurt shall perish. If any dig pits for thee, they shall fall therein. If they seek to confound thee with subtle questions, they shall be confounded. for the Lord will keep his anointed and fill them with knowledge.

Thou shalt see within the veil and know that thy Redeemer lives, like Paul and testify like unto thy brethren that thou hast seen angels and heard the voice of God. Thou must keep the word of wisdom and observe all the commandments, and thou shalt have all the blessings thou canst ask for thyself or for thy posterity. and they shall rise up and call thee blessed. For thou shalt bless thy children and thy blessings shall remain, and thou shalt be blessed in thy outgoings and in thy incomings and thy arm shall prevail like unto the Almighty, for his power shall be round about thee, and thou shalt have all power even to translate thyself and change into a shadow, so that if any shall smite at thee they shall only hit thy shadow and thou shall be in another place. The eyes of thy enemies shall be blinded so that they cannot see thee, & thou shalt escape their power. This is thy blessing and I cannot tell thee all, but the Lord shall add unto it a hundred fold. I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:36-37]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lyman Leonard (May 2, 1836)]

Lyman Leonard was born in Springfield Mass. June 3d 1793.

Brother Leonard, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and bless the[e] in the name of the Lord with a father's blessing. Thou art entitled to a father[']s blessing Thou art entitled to a father's blessing because thou art an orphan, that thou mayest receive an inheritance among thy brethren, and be equal to them in all things and thy blessings shall rest upon thy posterity after thee, as long as the world shall remain, & be remembered in the covenant of grace, even as the seed of Abraham. Thou art one of Abraham's: sons, an Ephraimite by blood. The Lord hath looked on thee from eternity, even before the foundation of the world & designed to bring thee into the covenant, and to give thee power next unto himself; power to overcome thy enemies and walk upon their ashes, and thou shalt see the vengeance of God poured out upon the wicked. Thou hast been surrounded by a wicked mob, and hast been shot at and spilt some blood in the cause, but thou shalt be satisfied for the Lord shall requite thee, and riches shall flow unto thee. The great men of the earth shall bring thee treasures untill thou shalt say tis enough. Thou shall go to the nations and thy name shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Thou shalt speak and prison walls shall fall; rivers be turned out of their course and all things subject unto thee. Thou shalt save many orphan children from destruction. For thou wilt mourn over their calami-

ties and seek to send them up to Zion. Thou shalt save thousands & tens of thousands, & push the people together, for thou art a horn of Joseph, and gather them from land to land and from Island to island and from unknown places and speak in language which thou hast not heard, for thou shalt be taught of God, and be able to speak in their own tongue, and many shall believe. Thou art the Lord's anointed and no weapon shall prosper that is formed against thee.

Thou shalt have power to translate thyself away from thine enemies. so that they cannot find thee. and nothing shall be too great for thee. Thou hast already been preserved by a miracle from the hand of thine enemies and thou shalt be preserved in time to come, for thy life is hid with Christ in God. Thy children shall be blessed and thy companion in thy absence, and satan shall not have power to affect them, for I seal a blessing for them and they shall be kept by the power of God and thy children taught in righteousness. The Lord loves thee and Angels smile over thee, and the heavens rejoice in thy blessings. Thou must keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments and pray much and nothing shall be impossible unto thee. Winds, waves, and sea shall obey thee, and thou shalt baptize some in the briny deep. These blessings I seal for thee, and I ask God to seal them in the heavens, and I seal them up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:38]

[Patriarchal blessing of David Elliot (May 5, 1836)]

Blessing of David Elliot who was born in Charleston, Montgomery Co. N.Y. Nov. 18th 1799

Brother Elliot, In the name of Jesus, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal the blessings of a father upon thee. Thou hast a father but he is not as yet perfected in faith, yet if he will seal this blessing upon thy head it shall be well, and it shall be called in his name, but if not I seal a father's blessing that thou mayest not be an orphan, but call God, thy father, and be a joint heir with Jesus Christ: and I seal a blessing for thy posterity. Thou must teach them righteousness & bring them into the covenant and bring up thy family for God. Thou must have them baptized at a proper age so that Satan shall not have power over them, but that they may be kept from generation to generation, even to the end and receive an inheritance by faith, and thy children's children shall rise up and call thee blessed.

Thou art blessed of God, because thou didst take thy life in thy hands and go up to assist thy brethren, and had to contend against many foes in getting away. God hath accepted thy offering. Thou didst see thy brethren fall on the right hand and on the left, because of the displeasure of God whom they had offended, and the transgressions of the camp. But thy life was sealed so that thou didst not love it Thou hast witnessed the love for thy brethren in being willing to suffer for them. The Lord shall bless thee and thou shalt have means to go and proclaim the gospel. Thy mind shall be enlarged and thy understanding brightened [brightened] and thy faith confirmed so that thou canst go forth in the power of God.

No power shall be able to stay thee, nor any weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, neither any arm be able to stay thee. for thou shalt stay thyself against the mighty God of Jacob. and all thine enemies shall be confounded and thou shalt be delivered from their hands by the power of God. Thou hast had the holy priesthood sealed upon thy head and the power thereof. Thou shalt be able to quench the violence of fire. Floods shall not drown thee, winds and waves shall obey thy voice and the elements shall be subject unto thee throug[h] faith, and thou shalt bring thy thousands as seals of thy ministry. Thou shalt have the blessings of time and eternity, both temporal and spiritual. Thou shalt be able to set thy house in order & stand at the head of thy family like Nephi of old. Thou shalt do all that thy heart desires to do.

Thou shalt tarry till the Redeemer comes and see the end of this generation. Thou shalt be numbered with the hundred & forty four thousand on Mount Zion. This thou hast desired and no man shall take thy crown, for God shall crown thee in the presence of the Lamb. Thou art of the seed of Joseph and

hast a right to claim thy brethren, and thou shalt have power to save thy friends by the priesthood which thou hast received. These and all the blessings which thou shalt need, I seal upon thee. And also I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:60]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Elliot (May 5, 1836)]

Also, of Mary Elliot who was born between Albany & New York July 11th 1810

Sister Elliot, I lay my hands upon thy head also in the name of Jesus, and ask God the eternal Father to show me thy care and give me words to say unto thee that shall be in wisdom. Thou hast lost many blessings because of unfaithfulness, thy froward [froward] temper and thy restless mind. Thou hast also been proud in thine heart, but the Lord hath had compassion on thee and forg[i]ven thy sins. Thou must forsake thy pride, be humble and leave off thy former follies & forget what is past and all shall be forgiven. Thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life. Keep the commandments and the word of wisdom and thou shalt have life as long as thou shalt have life as long as thou shalt desire it. The Lord loves thee and if thou art faithful, thou shalt see Zion bui[l]t up in Righteousness and the glory of God rest upon the land. If thou wilt live for blessings thou shalt have them, even to the extent of thy desire for the heavens are full of blessings.

Thou shalt be blessed in common with thy husband rejoice with him, enter into all his joys and partake of his sorrows. also. Thou shalt weep over his sufferings and mourn because of his absence in a distant land. Thy mind will be cast down and thou wilt remember thy blessing and call upon thy God, and he will send an holy angel to tell the[e] of the affairs of thy husband: thou shalt be comforted and feel a joy spring up, and thy soul shall be filled, for thou shalt desire the salvation of souls. and shalt be willing he should tarry. Thou shalt hear the voice of God and be told of his situation. This is thy blessing, treasure it up and God shall give thee many more. If thou shalt desire life, thou shalt live, but if thou shalt desire to lay it down, thou mayest depart in peace, and rest till the Lord shall bring thee with him in the clouds and thy body rise in the first resurrection, and meet him and even be with him. This is thy blessing: and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, and thou shalt receive blessings according to thy desires, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:60-61]

[Patriarchal blessing of Roswell Blood on May 8, 1836]

Patriarchal blessing by Joseph Smith Senior Kirtland May 8th 1836 for Roswell Blood who was born in Glover, Orleans county Vermont Jany. 20th 1803

Brother Blood, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head, and say thou must repent of all thy sins and humble thyself before God that thy heart may be contrite and that God may forgive thy sins. The Lord hath looked on thee from the beginning and hath heard all thy groanings on the account of the unrighteousness of thy companion and the devil laughs at thy sorrows. but not long, for except the[e] repent th[o]u will soon fall and the Lord shall give the[e] a companion in righteousness and thou shalt not be as a dry tree, but be blessed and thy wrongs shall be avenged and thou shalt be at liberty to serve God and to do good in his cause, for he will prepare thy heart to speak his word and magnify an office in his Kingdom and qualify thee to do good in his cause. Thou art not of gentile blood but of the seed of Israel yet thy companion is a Gentile and goeth in the way of the Gentiles. but if she will repent and obey the gospel she shall become the seed of Abraham through the law of adoption. The Lord hath heard thy prayers and thou shalt prevail and thy mournings shall cease for all things are in the hands of God, & he shall avenge thy wrongs and free thee from all thy incumberances.

Seek to treasure up knowledge and thou shalt obtain it. The Lord is thy friend, and thou shalt prevail

over all thy enemies. victory over thy sins and power to rend the bands of satan and leap forth into the liberty of the children of God and rejoice in the rank of thy of thy salvation. Thou shalt receive the priesthood if thou art faithful and seek diligently to do the will of God. and thou shalt have all the blessings & powers thereof Live for blessings and thou shalt receive them. heaven is full of blessings and the Lord is gracious and thy sins shall be washed away by the blood of christ, and thou shalt see visions of Angels and be able to assist in rolling on the great work of God. This is thy blessing and if thou art faithful thou shalt receive it. seek and thou shalt find, knock and the Lord shall open the heavens unto thee. I seal these blessings for thee, & seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, even so Amen.

Sylvester Smith scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:115]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Cooper on May 14, 1836]

A patriarchal blessing by Joseph Smith Senior, May 14th 1836, for Joseph Cooper who was [born] in Bloom, Northumberland County Pa. Dec. 2d 1787.

Brother, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I confirm and seal on thy he[a]d the blessing of a father. Thou shalt be a patriarch in thy family to seal blessings on thy children to the latest generation. Thou hast been slow to believe, but thou mayest let thy heart rejoice for the heavens are propitious over thy head & thou shalt be blessed. Magnify thy calling and thou shalt be called to the high priesthood and shall receive all the power of the same. Thou shalt become like Philip, yea thou shalt become mighty in the earth and have power to save thy friends and acquaintance, and they shall be astonished at the help, and strength they shall receive from keeping the word of wisdom. And thou shalt have power over unclean spirits and shall do many great miracles, Mountains shall remove at thy word, prisons shall not hold thee, thou shalt translate thyself from planet to planet and preach to the spirits in prison and bring many of them to God. Be faithful and these blessings are for you and I seal them upon thee, and I seal the[e] up to eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen

Salmon Warner, Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:104]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Cooper (May 14, 1836)]

Also the blessing of Mary Cooper who was born in lower Mount Bethel, Northumberland County Pa.

Sister, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands on thy head to seal on thee a father's blessing. Thy heart feels to tremble, but I say dismiss thy fears, and let thy heart be comforted for thou art a daughter of Abraham, thou art of the elect of God, and all the blessings of the earth are yours and thou shalt have abundance. Thou hast desired to see Angels, and thou shalt behold them, and see visions and behold all the glory of God. Thou shalt be a child of God & God shall be thy father, Be faithful and all these blessings are yours, yea eternity is yours, live for these things and thou shalt receive them and, I seal them upon thee in faithfulness, and seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen

Salmon Warner Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:104]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Mackley on May 14, 1836]

A Patriarchal blessing by Joseph Smith Senr. New Portage May 14th 1836 For Sarah Mackley who was born Adams Co Pennsylvania 1802

Sister I lay my hands on thy head in the name of Jesus christ, and ask my heavenly father, to have mercy on thee for great afflictions await you, but the Angels of God shall deliver you. Satan will desire to overthrow you but God will keep you, and you shall have blessings upon blessings, the Angels of God shall

call thee by name, and say thou art blessed put thy trust in God lift up thy heart and rejoice, stay thyself upon the Lord and he will supply you thy children shall be blessed after thee, thou shalt see the fourth generation and dandle them on thy lap, [thou] shall live as long as life as desirable, thou shalt share with thy companion in all his blessings, when he is gone to fill his mission thou shalt have faith to rebuke diseases in thy family, thou shalt see the salvation of God, these bles[s]ings I seal on thy head & of thy children after thee, and seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus, even so, Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyril Cabb on May 21, 1836]

Kirtland May 21st AD. 1836

The blessing of Cyril Cabb who was born in Woodstock Win[d]sor Co Vt. pronounced by Joseph Smith sen.

Bro[ther]. C[abb]. In the name of the Lord I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father[']s blessing upon thee. I bless the[e] by the po[wer] of the ph. [priesthood] and seal the blessings thereof upon thee and they shall reach thy posterity if thou art faith[ful] thou shalt instruct thy family and bring up that those mayest present them to Adam. for thy children shall be required at thy hand. thy blessings are for thy posterity. and they shall be numerous and shall reign in the millennium. Thou art of the seed of A[braham]. and shall have part in the ministry heal the sick &c. angels shall minister unto thee. long life is thine. Thou shalt consecrate thy family and all thy substance to the Lord and he shall bless thee with great knowledge and wisdom. Thou shalt gather thy children and their children when the Savior shall come and thou shalt be enabled to gaze on Jesus and he shall receive into his glory for thou art sealed up unto eternal life. These are thy blessings in the name of J. C. [Jesus Christ] Amen.

E M Greene clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Sally Cabb on May 21, 1836]

Kirtland May 21st AD 1836

The blessing of Sally Cabb who was born in Cambridge Franklin Co Vt. AD. 1791 pronounced by Pat. Joseph Smith sen.

Sist[er]. C[abb]. In the name of the L. J. C. [Lord Jesus Christ] I lay my hands upon thy head according to the authority on me I seal the blessings of heaven upon thee. if thou wilt wilt go down into the waters of baptism thy blessings shall be great for thou shalt have knowledge. angels shall visit the[e] thou shall behold the heaven in night visions. stand on the land of Zion. last days be best days. long life is thine. shalt behold thy Redeemer in the flesh. have knowledge of these things. shalt rejoice and thy children with thee. thy name shall be writ[t]en in the Lamb[']s book if faithful and thou shalt see it unrolled and read thy name there. and all blessings are thine in faithfulness in the name of Jesus and thou shalt be sealed up unto eternal life even so Amen.

E M Greene clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Seth Church on May 23, 1836]

Blessing of Seth Church who was born in the town of Hamilton Madison Co. N.Y. March 16th 1814

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and seal on thy head a father[']s blessing, for thy benefit and the benefit of thy posterity after thee, for thou art an orphan and hast no father to bless thee, and that thou mayest have long life; for thou shalt see many years. As thou increasnt [increase] in years thou shalt increase in knowledge: and I pray God in the name of Jesus to st[r]engthen thee, for thou art

in the slippery paths of youth and thou wilt have to pass through afflictions, yet thou shalt be delivered and thou shalt arise above all the vain things of this world and thou shalt raise up a family and they shall be numbered in the seed of Abraham. and thou shalt stand till the winding up scene of this generation and Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven. Satan shall have no power over you, and thou shalt stand on the earth & thy strength shall be great when thou art seventy five. Thy strength shall be greater than when thou art twenty five. And thou shalt have many of thy friends with thee. I seal all these blessings upon the[e] and upon thy posterity after thee. if thou art faithful, and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so Amen.

May 23d 1836 W. A. Cowdery assist Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:56-57]

[Patriarchal blessing of Calvin Harkins on May 23, 1836]

Blessing of Calvin Harkins who was born in Savoy Massachusetts aged thirty three years.

Brother Harkins; in the name of the great Redeemer I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. Thou shalt receive from under my hands the blessing of a father. Thou shalt stand before thy family as a patriarch and instruct thy children, and cause them to be baptized at eight years of age. The blessing of God shall attend thee. on thy journey to the land of Zion. but thou must not violate the sabbath by travelling on that day. If thou shalt ask the father to see Jesus, that blessing shall not be denied thee. if thou ask in faith, nothing doubting. Humble thyself before God and thou shalt have all things. Guard thyself against pride: get the victory over inbred corruptions and thou shalt have an important place in the Church of the Redeemer. Thou shalt have the faith of assurance. Thy wife shall be thy help meet in all things. pray for thy sick children and they shall recover, be humble and persevering and thou shalt have a part in the first resurrection, even so Amen.

May 23d 1836 W. A. Cowdery. Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:57]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joanna Swift on May 23, 1836]

Blessing of Joanna Swift who was born in Sharon, Hartford Co. Ct. aged 72 years.

Sister, in the name of Jesus the Redeemer, I lay my hands on thy head and confer a blessing on thee and on thy posterity. Thou art an orphan. Thou art entitled to a residence in Zion. Thou hast heard the voice of the Lord. Thou hast had a willing mind and dost cleave to the Lord, who shall write thy name in the Lamb's book of life. Thy days shall be lengthened out five years. thy last days shall be thy best days. Thou art the Lord's I seal these blessings upon thee. and thy posterity by the Authority of the priesthood. even so Amen.

May 23d 1836 W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:58]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Walter (May 24, 1836)]

Blessing of George Walter who was born in the town of Norfolk, Litihfield County Ct. aged 39 years

Brother Walter, in the name of Jesus of Nazereth, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. Thou art an orphan and I bestow on thy head a father's blessing, Thou hast had no one to guide thee in the ways of holiness. Thou must be a teacher to thy children and must stand as a Patriarch to them. They shall be blessed, be faithful and the Lord shall promote thee and them. The riches of this world shall flow to thee and thou shalt be satisfied with the things of time: thou shalt have likewise the things of eternity. The angels of heaven shall visit thee and give thee consolation here, and promises of a glorious residence in the celestial world. The Lord shall soon lay his hand upon thee and thou shalt understand great

things. Be humble and contrite before God, and thou shalt have the enlarged desires of thy heart answered, even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:53]

**[Patriarchal blessing of Louisa Walter
given by her father and Joseph Smith Sr. (May 24, 1836)]**

Blessing of Louisa Walter who was born in Homer Courtlandt, Co. N.Y. ages 18 years.

Sister, in company with thy father I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. O God the eternal Father, let her withstand temptation, let not the powers of darkness have dominion over her. Thy servant her father desires that she may be preserved. The Lord commands the heavenly hosts to stand by her and strengthen her. She shall have strong desires to trust in the God of her salvation. She shall have a wise partner and they shall have joy in the Holy Ghost. She shall have a numerous posterity who shall inhabit Mount Zion. The above blessing in the name of her father even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:53]

[Patriarchal blessing of Abner Scovel (May 24, 1836)]

Blessing of Abner Scovel who was born in the town of Harwinton county of Litchfield Connecticut, aged. 40. years.

Brother Scovel in the name of Jesus Christ the Great Redeemer of man, I lay my hands on thy head for the benefit of thee and thy posterity. I seal on thy head the seal of the Priesthood. which priesthood is after the order of the Melchisedek priesthood. Thy name is written in heaven and thou shalt have power to call down the powers of the world to come. The Lord will bless thee on thy journey to the land of Zion. Thou must respect the sabbath on thy way by calling together thy family for prayer and by supplicating the throne of grace for blessings. Thou wilt assist in the redemption of Zion and succeed if thou art faithful.

Thou art of the lineage of Abraham & of the blood of Ep[h]raim. The power of darkness shall not prevail over thee nor hold thee, thou press forward toward the mark of the prize. In the name of Jesus thou shalt have power to do miracles and shalt proclaim the gospel of God with mighty power so as to astonish all who hear thee. Be thou faithful in tribulation by looking to God and by resigning thyself into his hands. for time and for eternity and thou shalt save thyself and them that hear thee. Thy soul shall be filled with wisdom. Thou shalt see Jesus and have the faith of assurance. In passing from place to place no winds nor waves shall stop thee. Thou shalt stand on mount Zion with the one hundred and forty four thousand Thy children and Children[']s children shall proclaim the gospel, to the ends of the earth, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:56]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Scovel on May 24, 1836]

Blessing of Elizabeth Scovel who was born in the town of Mount Morris in the county of Livingston and State of N. York, aged 29 years.

Dear Sister: in the name of Jesus Christ the Mediator of the new covenant I lay my hands on thy head for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy posterity I pray God in the name of Jesus Christ that he would sanctify thy heart Thou hast attended to the voice of the good shepherd. Thou art going to Zion. Thou shalt be healed of the malady with which thou art now afflicted. Thou shalt be prospered on the way to the Land consecrated to the rest of the Saints I seal on thy head the blessings in common with thy husband. Thou shalt have great faith, thy heart shall be enlarged. Thou shalt have great wisdom many of thy sex will ask thy counsel. Thy children shall be blessed. Thou shalt be honored in thy younger years and in thy old age. Thy sins are forgiven thee. Thou art a daughter of Abraham through the lineage of Ephraim. If thou art

art humble and faithful thou shalt have the visitation of angels and have peace in life and in death, even so Amen.

May 24th 1836 W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:56]

[Patriarchal blessing of Amoranda Murdock (June 1, 1836)]

Blessing of Amoranda Murdock, who was born in Kortwright Delaware County N.Y. A.D. 1810

Sister Murdock, In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God, I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee, with a father's blessing, yea I seal the blessing of a father in common with thy husband upon thee Thy sins are forgiven and thy name registered in the Lamb's book of life. If thou art faithful thou shalt be blessed with long life and posterity. Thy seed shall be great before God. and some of them shall be filled with the Spirit at the age of twelve years and prophecy of all things. Thou shalt stand in the great feast and many of thy relatives with thee The blessings of the earth and of the heavens are thine, yea, if thou art faithful all things are thine which thou canst desire in righteousness. Thy life shall be long, thy days many and be filled up with duty and usefulness. Thou shalt be an inhabitant of Zion, and have an inheritance there with thy husband. Thou shalt truly be his help-meet and participate with him in all the joys and sorrows incident to frail mortality, and when thou shall have passed through this chequered scene be wafted home to glory. These blessings I seal upon thee & I seal the[e] up to eternal life even so amen. W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:68]

[Patriarchal blessing of Abigail McBride (June 8, 1836)]

Blessing of Abigail McBride who was born in Nine Partners, Montgomery Co. N.Y. aged 66 the 29th of January 1836.

My aged Sister, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, and by the power and authority of the Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head and on head of thy posterity and confer a blessing. Thou hast had sorrow and affliction, out of which, the Lord is delivering thee, he has established thy faith. Thou hast obeyed the Gospel of thy Saviour, and thy name is written in the Lamb['s] book of life. Thou art of the lineage of Abraham. If thou holdest on thy way, the time will come, when thou, like Job, shall see God in the flesh, standing upon the earth. Thou shalt see angels and shall receive the communications of the Holy Ghost. Thy children shall stand in the covenant by the power of God. Thou shalt go to Zion and be in good health. Thy mind shall be strong and rejoice in thy God. Thou shalt not want the things of this life. Give up thyself to God and thou shalt see thy Redeemer, whom thou desirest to know. Thou shalt be a member of the Celestial world. I seal these blessings upon thy head. I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen & Amen, [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:78]

[Patriarchal blessing of Amos B. Fuller (June 17, 1836)]

Blessing of Amos B. Fuller who was born in Stockholm county of St. Lawrence in the state of N.Y. March 26th 1810.

Amos, In the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer of Mankind and by the Authority of the Holy priesthood I lay my hands on thy head in company with thy father, that thou mayest receive a blessing which shall rest on thee and on thy seed. Thy posterity shall see thy name and blessing written in a book. I confer on thee the priesthood, Thou art a descendant of the holy patriarch Abraham. Thou art of his seed and lineage Thou hast been called to preach the Gospel. Thou hast been faithful & done good in the church of thy God & Savior. Thou hast done good in this generation, thy skirts are free from their blood. go on thy way & and prosper. Thou shalt see the Lord face to face and rejoice in his free salvation. If thou art faithful

and puttest thy trust in the God of Israel, ere long the heavens shall be opened to thy sight. in open vision thou shalt see angels who shall minister to thee. Thou must go and preach the gospel to the Lamanites in their various languages. Thou must preach to the nations of the earth. Thou shalt have many souls among them as crowns of thy rejoicing when Jesus Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven Thy years shall be many for thou shalt stand on the earth and proclaim the Gospel to the nations of the Gentiles and to the seed of Abraham as long as the earth shall stand. Thou art called to stand among the one hundred & forty and four thousand with the lamb on mount Zion, dressed in white robes. Be faithful brother and thy soul shall be satisfied with the things of time & eternity. By the authority of the priesthood I seal thee up unto eternal life, Amen & Amen.

N.B. the above blessing was conferred on the[e] by the patriarch of the Latter-day Saints as the blessing of thy father June 18. [sic] 1836

W. A. Cowdery Assit. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:94-95]

[Patriarchal blessing of Esther Fuller on June 17, 1836]

Blessing of Esther Fuller, the wife of A. B. Fuller who was born in Stockholm St. Lawrence County N.Y. Sept. 20th 1810

Dear Sister. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, & by the authority of the Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head in company with thy father. I seal the blessing of God on thy children: The blessing of Abraham shall rest on thy head, thou art of his seed & lineage. thou art of the Covenant people of thy God. Thou standest in the Fold of Christ by the power of faith. for thy good thou art called to endure afflictions. Thou must be patient in tribulation. Thou shalt be blessed with children, they too shall stand in the covenant, and while young shall be in the spirit and prophesy. they shall be among the prophets & prophetesses.

Thou art called to a holy calling. Thou must listen to thy husband & receive his instructions. Thy heart shall be filled with joy and thou shalt see the vision opened. Thou shalt be instructed in wisdom: thy wisdom shall enable thee to do much for thy fellow creatures. I feel to bless thee with all good things. All thy desires which thou shalt make in Righteousness shall be realized and every such desire shall be gratified. Thou shalt tarry with thy husband and shall see all things fulfilled which are promised him in his blessing. Be faithful, Dear Sister, and no blessing shall be too great for thee. By the authority of the priesthood I seal these blessings upon thy head & I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so, Amen.

Kirtland June 17th 1836 W. A. Cowdery asst. Red. [Recorder] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:95]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Chamberlain on June 20, 1836]

At a patriarchal blessing meeting held at the Lord's House in Kirtland, June 20th 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the Patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints, being present, and holding the meeting, conferred on the head of Jacob Chamberlain, born in Dudley Massachusetts, Dec. 26th 1779.

Brother Chamberlain in the name of Jesus Christ the Holy Redeemer, and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood which God has conferred on me, I lay my hands on thy head and confer on thee a blessing, for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy posterity, Thou art an orphan and I give thee a father's blessing. Thou art of the seed and lineage of the Patriarch Abraham, through the loins of Ephraim — The honesty and integrity of thy heart have come up before God. Thy heart has been grieved; thou hast wept in secret in presence of thy maker, who has graciously seen thy tears and heard thy prayers. Some of thy children believe the great things that have come to pass in these last days: they have valued their name — and stood in fear of the world, and have not come up to the help of God against the mighty. Thou must speak to them by the power and spirit of God, open to them thy mouth and explain to them the things of God, with force

and plainness, and they will believe to Salvation, Two of them will go to Zion with thee and find an inheritance there and rejoice in the God of thy salvation. Thou must pray in thy family, and honor the God of Israel before thy household. Consecrate thyself and children to the Lord. Consecrate thy property to the Lord.

Thou shalt have long life and be satisfied with the things of time and eternity — Thou shalt go to Zion and possess the things of this life: thou shalt have houses, lands and possessions. Thou shalt have power to help build up Zion and see her flourish upon the hills: Thou shalt see the hosts of God gathered there. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself like Enoch. Thou art a Son of Abraham, has a right to the priesthood and art called to it. Something whispers me that all will be well with thee — Thou shalt have a companion who will help and comfort thee. Be faithful brother, be humble and contrite, and all things shall work together for thy good. I seal these things upon thee I seal thee up to eternal life — Amen.

W. A. Cowdery — Assistant Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:143-144]

[Patriarchal blessing of Oliver Snow on June 20, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house June 20th 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the Patriarch conferred the following blessing upon the head of Oliver Snow born in Becket Berkshire County Mass. Sept. 18th 1775.

Brother, in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the authority of the holy priesthood I lay my hand upon thy head to confer on thee a father[']s blessing for thou hast no father to bless thee in righteousness. I pronounce the blessings of heaven upon thee which shall descend through thee to thy posterity to the latest generation for thou art a descendant of Abraham and of the blood of Joseph who was sold into Egypt And now brother be baptized for the remission of thy sins and take upon thee the new and everlasting covenant and no blessing shall be too great for thee. The priesthood is for thee. & if thou wilt obey the commandment of God thou shalt be entitled to all the privileges of the holy calling for thou shalt become a mighty man in the earth and do great things. for the cause of thy Redeemer for the Lord has given thee great ability Thou hast talent and the Lord thy God will prolong thy days to a great age.

Thou shalt live to see the tribes come in from the North; thou shalt live till thy head shall blossom white like wool and thy faculties shall grow brighter and brighter, that thou mayest be a man of understanding, for thou shalt be a great counsellor in Zion and thou shalt have power to communicate thy thoughts for thy tongue shall be loosed and thou shalt be instrumental in bringing many souls into the new and everlasting covenant, It is for thee to instruct thy children in the ways of righteousness that thy posterity may be blessed. But some of thy children have come into the covenant and thy children's children shall be blessed even to the latest generation — Thou shalt be satisfied with the blessing of the earth. The heavens shall be open, thou shalt behold the glories of the upper world. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer and shalt converse with him face to face. while thou art in the flesh. This is thy portion and I seal these blessings upon thee by the authority of the holy priesthood. I seal thee up unto eternal life on condition of thy obedience, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:111]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rosetta L. Snow on June 20, 1836]

Also at a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house at Kirtland June 20 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints conferred the following blessing upon the head of Rosetta L. Snow, born in Simsbury Hartford Co. Ct. Oct. 22d 1778.

Dear Sister, In the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer and by the authority of the Holy priesthood which God has conferred on me I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce the blessing of God

upon thee which shall reach thy posterity to the latest generation, for thou art of the seed of Joseph through the lineage of Ephraim. Thou hast come into the new and everlasting covenant. thy heart is honest and sincere before God. Thou art pure and innocent in his sight lift up thy head & rejoice thy sins are forgiven thee and thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life. Thou hast had sorrow and affliction. Thou hast wept in secret places, but be of good cheer for behold thy God has thy sorrows in remembrance and thy prayers shall be answered and thy seed shall be greatly blessed. Thou shalt rejoice in thy children and thou shalt look upon thy grand children and have much joy in them for thou shalt watch over them and rejoice in thy posterity.

Thou shalt win many Thou shalt win thy husband and he shall go with thee to Zion and you shall walk hand in hand to the house of the Lord and thy heart shall be satisfied with the blessings for thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart. Thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of earth and thou shalt be filled with the spirit of God and be abundantly satisfied. go on my sister be humble and contrite and God will greatly multiply blessings unto thee and prolong thy days. Thou shalt come forth in the resurrection of the just and meet thy Redeemer when he shall come in the clouds of heaven. This is thy portion and I seal these blessings upon thee by the authority of the Holy priesthood. I seal thee up unto eternal life even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:111-112]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lucia Louisa Leavitt on June 20, 1836]

At a blessing Meeting held in the Lord[']s house at Kirtland June 20 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints conferred the following blessing upon the head of Lucia Louisa Leavitt born in Warren Trumbull County Ohio August 9th 1826

My young Sister in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the authority of the holy priesthood which God has conferred on me, I lay my hands upon thy head to confer on thee a father's blessing. Thou art but a child and in the slippery paths of youth and thou art as it were an orphan in the world and thy father is not. But the Lord has looked upon thy mother and he will preserve thee and bless thy mother, Be faithful and keep the commandments of God and no power shall be able to hurt thee. Thou shalt have great instruction and thou shalt become a teacher in Israel Thou shalt teach the daughters of the Lamanites and instruct them in our Language. Thou shalt win many to righteousness and be instrumental of much good in thy generation Thou shalt be a mother in Israel. Thou shalt have children and be instrumental in peopling the new earth. for thou shalt live to behold the winding up scene of this generation when wickedness shall be swept off the face of the earth and thou shalt stand when Jesus Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven. By the authority of the holy priesthood I seal these blessings upon thee, and I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:112]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hiram N. Byington on June 25, 1836]

Blessing of Hiram N. Byington who was born in the State of Connecticut in the County of New Haven and town of Woolcott aged 26 years

Dear Brother in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and I pray God the eternal Father that the vision of my mind may be opened. Dear Brother thou must put thy trust in the Lord and keep his commandments, and be diligent in his service, although thou art destitute of this world's goods. the Lord has been good to thee and thou put thy trust in him he will continue to bless thee, and will stand by thee always, for thou must pass through much affliction. Thou will see that in thy day which is not desireable to the flesh and blood The judgements of God are abroad in the earth. but put thy trust in the

Lord and he will strengthen thy soul and deliver thee from all thy troubles. Something whispers me thou art of the tribe of Dan, yet if thou art faithful thou shalt attain to all the promised blessings.

Be faithful in the priesthood and thou shalt hear the voice of the Lord yea thou shalt see the end of sinning. yea thou shalt see the Savior coming in the air and shall Rise and meet him: This is thy blessing and I seal it on thee yea more, for if thou art faithful thou shalt be great in the earth, do much good and bring many into the fold of Christ, and I seal it on thee in the name of Jesus Christ and I seal thee up unto eternal life; Amen

June 25th 1836 [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:92]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Byington on June 25, 1836]

Also the Blessing of Sarah Byington who was born in the town of Colebrook, County of Coos and State of Newhamphshire aged 28 years the 3d of May 1836.

Sister in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head to seal and confirm the blessings of a Father upon thee, for thou art of the seed Abraham and thou must be faithful in the discharge of thy duty to thy friends and thy children and thou shalt be glad and rejoice if thou art faithful and remember these things thy children shall be great in the earth and thou shalt have thy friends to go with thee, many of them: yea thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion. and thou shalt be great in the earth. and thou shalt have servants and thou shalt have great treasure and shalt have the comforts of this life and and be satisfied and the Lord shall send his angels to visit thee and thou shalt be sought unto for wisdom and thou shalt teach the daughters of the Lamanites. If thou art faithful thou shalt live long and do much good, yea thou shalt see the Savior come in the clouds and rise and meet him. This is thy blessing and I seal it on thee. and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ; Amen

June 25th 1836 J. Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:92]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jeremy Bartlett on June 25, 1836]

Blessing of Jeremy Bartlett who was born in the State of Ct. in the Co. of Hartford, town of Simsbury, aged 40 year

Brother, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands on thy head and seal and confirm on thy head the blessings of thy father, on thee for thou hast seen much affliction in thy day: yet thou hast had some comfort and the Lord in his tender mercy has blest thee, although thou hast experienced the loss of thy companion, yet the Lord God will give thee another companion and she shall teach thy children and instruct them in the ways of truth & holiness and they shall be an honor to thee and become great in the earth and the Lord shall bless them. Be faithful then and keep all the commandments and live by every word that proce[e]ds out of the mouth of the Lord, and the Lord shall bless thee and thou shalt yet raise up sons and daughters to rejoice with the saints. O. take much pains to instruct thy children, for the evil one shall seek to destroy them and thee also: but be thou faithful and give not away to satan, but stand fast in the cause of God and the Lord shall send angels to minister to thee and to deliver thee.

Stand fast then for thou art of the lineage of Israel and thou shalt receive the priesthood and have an inheritance in Zion in the Far West and thou shall become a great man yea a mighty man in teaching and thou shalt do much good. Thou shalt bring souls from afar and thou shalt have great power and be sought unto for wisdom: but be not high minded but fear, put thy trust in the Lord, call upon him at all times and thou shalt be a good servant, this is thy blessing and I seal it on thee if thou art faithful, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ; Amen.

June 25th 1836 J. Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:93]

[Patriarchal blessing of David Gray on June 25, 1836]

A patriarchal blessing for David Gray who was born in the State of N.Y. Rensselaer Co, town of Petersburg aged 43 years

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and seal the blessings a father upon thee. Thou art an orphan. Thou art of the seed of Abraham; If thou wilt stand up and speak to thy family and children and pray in thy family and in public and be diligent in the discharge of thy duty and not give way to the evil spirit that often brings darkness on thy soul: Thou shalt go to Zion and thy children shall go also: for the angels of God are over thee and will be if thou art faithful. Thou art not called to the ministry: thou shalt dwell with thy family even in Zion. Thou art a child of Abraham. Thou shalt be a great nurse in thy family and in the church and do much good. Thou must be faithful and keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments and thou shalt have the desire of thy heart & I ask my father in heaven that he would seal this blessing on thee, and when thou art freed from the flesh thou shalt reign with him in Celestial glory. & I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ Amen. Given by Joseph Smith Senior June 25 1835 [1836]

John Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:104-105]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sylvia Gray on June 25, 1836]

Also the blessing of Sylvia Gray who was born in Williamstown in the State of Vermont aged thirty five years.

Sister in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and place a seal upon thee. that never shall be taken away Thou hast desired to know the truth, and the heavens have smiled on thee because thy heart was honest to know the truth. Be faithful Sister, pray much [much]; obey the word of wisdom & remember to keep all the commandments and thou mayest obtain the highest glory and thou shalt stand aloof and the Lord God will cause his holy angels to watch over thee and keep thee from all harm.

Dear Sister thy troubles have been great, thou hast been much [much] afflicted, but thou shalt see better days if thou art faithful. Thou shalt not be staid with property but thou shalt have plenty of the comforts of this life even in Zion. Thou shalt have great treasure even all things for thy comfort; the Lord God shall restore to thee all things necessary; all things for the comfort of thyself and family also. Thou shalt yet see good days. and this is thy blessing and more than I can speak. and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so Amen.

Milsford Ohio June 25th 1836 John Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:105]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sally Gray on June 25, 1836]

Patriarchal blessing of Sally Gray who was born in the town of Ellery County of Chautauque and State of New York aged 16 years the 26th of Sept. 1835.

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay our hands on thy head and we seal and confirm on thee the blessings of thy father. Thou must remember the covenant thou hast taken on thee for thou hast promised the Lord to serve him. Thou must keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments, and if thou art faithful & keepest thy vows, thou shalt be made strong in the Lord. for the Lord has prepared means that thou shalt be great in learning, and thou shalt be an ornament in the Church of Christ. for the Lord loves the youth that stand in this generation, yea all those that keep his commandments. & if thou remember to do these things, thou shalt be great in the Earth and thou shalt raise up sons and daughters and thou shalt teach them the ways of truth & thou shalt sit as it were a queen and shall have the desire of thy soul and be satisfied. And thou shalt stand in Zion and have an inheritance there & when the Savior comes thou shalt

rise and meet him. This is thy blessing yea more than this if thou art faithful, and I seal it on thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and seal thee up to eternal life with thy father even so. Amen.

Millsford June 25 1836 John Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:105]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joanna Gray on June 25, 1836]

Blessing for Joanna Gray who was born in the town of Ellery County of Chautauque and State of N.Y. aged 11 years in April 1836

Sister thou art young and in the slippery paths of youth; and in the name of Jesus Christ we lay our hands on thy head and we pronounce the blessing of thy father on thee and I pray God that he may keep thee that thou mayest Grasp and get much [much] wisdom, that thou mayest teach thy young companions. I ask God to prepare thee that thou mayest have a spirit of prophecy, for thou shalt prophecy great things concerning this generation. Satan may seek to destroy thy life but if thou art faithful and put thy trust in the Lord thou shalt live long and raise up children and they shall be an honor to thee in thy old age. yea thou shalt be great in the earth if thou art faithful and thou shalt stand on the earth when the savior comes, and this is thy blessing and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen

By Joseph Smith Senior June 25th 1837 [1836] J. Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:106]

[Patriarchal blessing of Israel Knapp on June 25, 1836]

The blessing of Israel Knapp who was born in the town of Westchester county of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut Sept. 16th 1790 aged 45 years.

Brother I lay my hands on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and I seal & confirm the blessing of my father upon thee. Although thou hast no father to bless thee, yet the Lord God is a father to the fatherless and his eyes are on thee yea from this time to eternity, for thou art one of the covenant people of the Lord. Remember thou art at liberty for thou art not bound in the marriage covenant and the Lord has desired that thou shalt take on thee the holy priesthood and thou shalt be great in the earth. Thou shalt have power to heal the sick and do many signs on the earth. yea thou shalt have power if thou wilt prepare thine heart thou shalt be as Elijah. thou shalt call down fire: yea thou shalt have power over all diseases & thou art faithful and keep all the commandments, govern thy temper and thy passions, live holy and do that which is right in the sight of the Lord thou shalt stand on the earth and see the wonderful things of the Lord performed

Thou shalt see the Glories that God will reveal to his people & thou shalt live till thou art 95 years old; yea thou shalt have a companion and thou shalt raise up sons and daughters to comfort thee in thy old age and they too shall be great in the earth, and thou shall have the comforts of this life and be satisfied. And I seal these blessings on thee yea more all that thou desirest and thy seed shall continue to the ends of the earth. This is thy blessing if thou wilt prove faithful and I seal it on thee & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

June 25th 1836 J. Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:106]

[Patriarchal blessing of Israel Calkins on July 7, 1836]

A Father's Blessing pronounced on the head of Israel Calkins who was born in Dutchess County State of New York in the year 1766

Brother, in the Name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head as an orphan and pronounce a Father's Blessing upon you, according to thy faith & confirm on thee the order of the Melchisedeck Priesthood that thou hast received by others and all the power of that order. Thine eyes shall see the Lord in the Flesh and thou shalt go forth in the power of Jesus Christ and none shall be able to stand before thee or harm

thee, and thou shalt bring in many If thou art faithful and desirest it, thy days shall be one hundred and twenty years. Thou shalt have power to be translated. Thou shalt be delivered from pain and from prison, have understanding and be a man of counsel and have an inheritance in Zion. Thy children shall be given to thee for thou art of the seed of Israel and of the tribe of Ephraim and are blest in thy posterity. All these blessings I seal upon thee if thou art faithful and I seal thee up unto eternal life.

Done under the hand of Joseph Smith Senr in Freedom Cattaraugus Co. N.Y. July 7th 1836 John Gould Scribe. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:98]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Calkins (July 7, 1836)]

Also the patriarchal blessing pronounced upon the head of Hannah Calkins by Joseph Smith Senior. Said Hannah Calkins was born in Dutchess County N.Y A.D. 1783.

Sister I now lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and give thee a father's blessing as thou art an orphan, and I bless thee in common with thy husband. and thou shalt be blessed with a full understanding of the things of God and shall see thy children brought in and thou shalt be a mother in Israel and thy children shall instruct others in the church of Christ so that thou shalt be a mother of many generations. if faithful thou shalt live long as thou desireth and have an inheritance in Zion and see thy posterity round thee. All these blessings I confirm upon thee if faithful and I seal thee up unto eternal life Amen.

John Gould Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:98]

[Patriarchal blessing of Raymond Clark on September 5, 1836]

Patriarchal Blessing Recd. under the hand of Joseph Smith Senr. On Raymond Clark which was Born In the town of Wells St[ate]. of Vermont Age 38 years

Brother Clark In the Name of Jesus Christ I Lay my hands on thy head in as much as thou art an Orphan for thou art of the Seed of Joseph throu[gh] the loins of Ephraim thou Shalt have power to lay hands on the Sick for the restoring of he[a]lth in fa[i]th thou will be Ordained to the priests office be thou faithfull for thou Will be permit[t]ed to go [go] to preach to the Spirits in prison Thou Shall have power to procla[i]m the gospel to the Red men of the forist [forest] the gift of touns [tongues] will be given The[e] that thou may procla[i]m the truth of the Everlasting Gospel to them be thou faithfull [illegible] things which Is Required of the[e] instruct thy children in the way they Should [illegible] Be not lifted up in the prid[e] of thine o[w]n h[e]art for thou Shall have Grate [Great] faith thou Shall be permit[t]ed to behold The winding up Sean [Scene] of all things for all blessings both of heaven and Earth Shall flow unto the[e] for thou art Liberal in Contributing of thy Substance to the Destitute And also to the Saints therefore thou art bles[sed] And in asmuch As Thou will observe and keep the Commandments to the End I Seal all thes[e] blessings on thy head Even so amen

Leroy September 5th 1836

[Patriarchal blessing of Phineas Pratt on September 11, 1836]

In the name of Jesus Christ I seal a father's blessing on thy head as thou hast no father in the Priesthood. Thou shalt stand as a Patriarch at the head of thy family. Thou hast had many trials and temptations and besetments here in life thus far but you must live faithful, watchful, and prayerful. Yea, walk in meekness before thy family and Satan shall have no power over you if thou wilt be faithful in keeping the Commandments of the Lord. Thou shalt see great things, thou shalt behold angels and they shall minister unto thee. Thou shalt see visions, thou shalt behold the Land of Zion. Thou shalt behold the Temple of the Lord and the glory of God manifested to the inhabitants of Zion in the last days. Thou shalt become mighty in

faith, thou shalt have great power with God and the wonders of eternity shalt thou know. Thou shalt know that thy Redeemer lives and see him face to face. Thou art of the lineage of Israel, a descendent of Joseph. Thy life shall be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. This is thy blessing if faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord, which belongeth to thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations. Even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Betsy Pratt on September 11, 1836]

Patriarchal Blessing under the hand of Joseph Smith Seignior [Senior] the 11th of sept 1836 to Betsy Pratt Aged thirty seven February 17th 1836 Born in the state of Massuchsetts [Massachusetts]

In the name of Jesu[s] Christ I lay my hands uppon thy head as thou hast no father in the Priesthood and seal on thee a father[']s Blessing I say unto thee do away thy fears for thou hast not only had fears for thyself but for others refrain from these things in patience possess thy soul be faithfull in keeping the Commandments of God and thou shalt be blessed with the Blessings of heaven and the earth also. Yea keep thy tongue let thy conversation be such as becometh righteousness have faith in god look to the Lord for wisdom and knowledge and thou shalt obtain hid[d]en treasures of knowledge and wisdom thy mind shall expand thy judgment be informed and thou shalt grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. Keep the word of wisdom be faithfull and you shall overcome all besetments and receive Blessings in Zion which are great if thou shalt desire it thou shalt see Angels thou shalt speak in Tongues the wonderfull works of God yea if faithfull thou shalt see thy Children serving the Lord in righteousness in the Land of Zion this is thy Blessing which is for thee and thy Children throughout their generations if faithful in keeping the Commandments of the Lord and thou shalt desire it, thou live to the age of seventy-five even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary A. Baldwin on November 2, 1836]

At a meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland the 2d of November 1836 a blessing was conferred on the head of Mary A. Baldwin by Joseph Smith Senior the Patriarch of the church of Latter Saints. She was born in Duall St. Lawrence Co. N.Y. Oct. 26th 1816.

Sister Mary, In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray God the Father, that thou mayest be as Mary at the feet of Jesus that thou mayest be blessed with the ministry of Angels, yea in the name of Jesus that thou shalt be blessed with an under standing of the mysteries of Godliness. Thou shalt live to raise up a numerous posterity. Thou shalt have a knowledge of all the mysteries of the kingdom. Thou shalt receive of the spirit of prophecy and become a mother in Israel. Thou shalt live to instruct the Daughters of the Lamanites and teach them to labor. Thou shalt teach them the principles of the gospel. Thou shalt teach them the principles & holiness. Thou shalt assist to labor with thy hands to adorn the temple of the Lord which shall be built in the city of Zion. Thou hast been innocent in thy life, and thou shalt live to see the Savior come in the clouds of heaven and behold the winding up scene of this generation, when wickedness is is destroyed and swept away from the Earth. If thou wilt prove faithful all these blessings shall come on thee. In the name of Jesus I seal all these blessings upon thy head. I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:95-96]

[Patriarchal blessing of Duncan McArthur on November 2, 1836]

At a patriarchal blessing Meeting held in the Lord[']s House in Kirtland this 2d Day of Nov. 1836 Joseph Smith Senr the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints being present & holding the meeting a blessing was conferred on the head of Duncan Mc Arthur born in Thornton N.H. May 22d 1796

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head & bless thee with the blessing of a

Father, for thou art an orphan and hast no father to bless thee. Be faithful and keep the commandments of God & thou shalt be shielded from the power of the enemy of all righteousness. no power shall prevail against thee. Thou hast obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being baptized for the remission of thy sins. Thou hast been called to the priesthood and hast been ordained under the hand of the children of Ephraim, & now I say unto thee that thou shalt be blest with all the powers. that. pertain to the priesthood. yea all its powers & blessings shall be yours. yea all the blessings of heaven & earth shall be in thy possession.

I ask God to open thy mind that thou mayest understand the deep things of God, yea that all the deep things & mysteries and mysteries of Godliness may be unfolded to thee, all the deep mysteries of this ungodly generation. if thou puttest thy trust in God the Father thou shalt be qualified for the office and work to which thou hast been ordained. for thy intellectual powers shall be strengthened and thy bodily powers shall be invigorated, thou shalt flourish & prosper in all things that thou settest thy hand to do. Thou shalt be blest in thy basket and in thy store. Whilet thy mind shall be strong and thy understanding perfect. The activity and vigor of youth shall be given thee. old age shall not prevail against thee.

Thou shalt perform great things and among great things shalt thou dwell and be great in the earth be an instrument in the hands of God of doing much good in the earth. If thou hast a sure and certain faith; a faith to which thou mayest attain Thou shalt live to bless thy children standing as a patriarch to them. Thy children shall be blessed, thy blessing shall continue on them from one generation of thy posterity to another, shall live to see the end of wickedness, see Zion flourish see the winding up scene of this generation and see Jesus Christ come in the clouds of heaven. in power and great glory. These blessings are given to thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these on thy head, by the power of the priesthood I seal thee up unto eternal life Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:96]

[Patriarchal blessing of Suke McArthur (November 2, 1836)]

Also of Suke Mc Arthur wife of Duncan Mc Arthur born in Corinth V.T. Oct. 10th 1801.

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth the Son of the living God I lay my hands on thy head & bless thee in his name. thou hast past through some sorrow and tribulation, but God has had mercy on you, for thou hast obeyed the gospel and thy name is written in in the Lamb[']s book of life and thou shalt be sealed with that holy spirit of promise and the destroyer shall not have power to turn away thy feet from the path of life. The sorrow of thy heart shall be taken from thee and thou shalt possess the good things of the earth and be satisfied. thou shalt receive the ministering of angels and hear the voice of God. Thou shalt behold the glory of God & be satisfied with his goodness. Be up and behold the glory of God, make God thy friend and thou shalt behold with thine eyes and stand with thy feet on the banks of deliverance and if thou art faithful thou shalt see the desire of thine heart upon thy children if thou wilt bring them up in the fear of God. and if thou shalt remain thou shalt see the savior in peace. In the name of Jesus Christ & by virtue of the Authority of the Holy priesthood. I seal these blessings on thy head. I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, even so amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:96-97]

[Patriarchal blessing of John W. Clark on November 10, 1836]

At a patriarchal blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland the tenth day of Nov. 1836 Joseph Smith Senior, the patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the meeting, a blessing was conferred on the head of John W. Clark who was born in Durham Middlesex County Ct. April 13th 1808.

Brother Clark, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head and seal on thy

head a father's blessing, the same in kind as Abraham received of Melchisedc. Thou art of the Lineage of the patriarch, Abraham and art blessed with the same blessings. Thou shalt be numbered with the children of Joseph. As thou art of the lineage of Abraham, thou art entitled to the priesthood. Thou art a man of intelligence and wisdom, yet if thou dost persevere in the way of holiness, God will greatly increase thy intelligent powers and give thee the wisdom of heaven. Thou shalt have grace upon grace and knowledge upon knowledge. Thou shalt be able to do a great work of God. a work which shall reach thy posterity.

Thou must stand at the head of thy family stand as a patriarch to thy children and bless them. Continue in the faith of the gospel and thou shalt have strength like Enoch, and may like him translate thyself to heaven. Thou shalt have the riches of the earth, they shall flow in unto thee in abundance. Thou shalt have power to win souls to God. Thy name is written in heaven, if faithful it shall not be blotted out. Thou shalt have a place with the one hundred & forty four thousand which shall stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion and sing the Song known only to that number. Trust in God and this blessing shall not fail In the name of Jesus I seal these blessings on thee. I seal thee up to eternal life, even so, amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:114]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mariah Clark on November 10, 1836]

Also at a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this tenth day of Nov. 1836. Joseph Smith Senior the Patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints being present and holding the meeting, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Mariah Clark, born in Haddam, Middlesex Co Con, January 5th 1800.

I lay my hands on thy head and seal on thy forehead a blessing in common with thy husband. Thou art of the seed of Abraham. Thy children are of pure blood, yea thy system shall be pure. Sickness and disease shall not have power over thee. Thy sins are forgiven thee. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Inasmuch as thou hast desired holiness and righteousness so be it unto thee. Inasmuch as thou hast desired long life thou shalt have it and inasmuch as thou hast desired to be useful in thy day and generation, thou shalt be useful. Thou wilt become a mother in Israel and rejoice in the great doings of God. Thou shalt have a Redeemer in Zion the city of the great King in the Far West. Thou shalt stand fearless in the midst of Judgements, pestilence and famine and rejoice in the fostering hand of God.

In the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer I bless thee with the gift of patience, the gift of wisdom and the gift of intelligence and the gift of faith. Thou shalt see the fulness of the gentiles and the gathering of Israel, if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God, no blessing shall be too great for thee. The blessing of heaven rest on thy posterity & eternal life awaits thee. In the name of the Redeemer I seal all these blessings on thy head, and by the authority of the holy priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life, Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:114]

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe W. Carter Woodruff³ on November 10, 1836]

At a blessing Meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this 10th day of Nov. 1836, Joseph Smith Senior, the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the Meeting, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Phebe W. Woodruff born in Scarborough, county of Cumberland in the State of Maine March 8th 1807.

Sister, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and by the power of the holy priesthood which God has con-

3. Phebe Carter married Wilford Woodruff on April 13, 1837. Her patriarchal blessing was recorded under her married name.

ferred on me, I lay my hands on thy head and place a seal upon thy forehead, and if thou art faithful and keep the commandments of God no power shall take it off. It shall be a seal against the destroyer. No blessings in heaven shall be to great for you. Thou hast thought much on thy Redeemer. Thou must call on God the Father in the name of his son and he will open the heavens, will rend the veil that thou mayest see the son of man stand on the right hand of power. Thou hast suffered in former days by being deprived of friends. unto whom thou couldst unbosom thy mind. Thou hast sorrowed in the night season and in solitary places: no one knew thy sorrows or saw thy tears but God thy Father be comforted for thy troubles are over and God will pour out his blessings unto thee. Thou shalt have long life and see good days.

Thou shalt be the mother of many children, and they shall be an ornament to the church of Christ. Thy husband shall be a man of wisdom knowledge & understanding. Let thy heart be composed and have faith in God and his word. Thou shalt be an ornament to thy sex. thou shalt labor in the temple of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt teach thy companions the the ways of righteousness. Thou shalt have many temporal blessing. Riches shall flow in unto thee and thou shalt rejoice rather than complain. Thou must put thy whole trust in God. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim. Thou shalt have a celestial crown Thou shalt have a residence in Zion. and do a great work there. Thou shalt sew the veil of the temple and rejoice in the work of thy hands. If thou wilt keep the commandments thou shalt have all of thy friends. They shall be members of the covenant. I seal all these blessings on thy head. in the name of Jesus I seal thee up unto eternal life. Amen & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:119]

[Patriarchal blessing of Huntington Johnson on November 10, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this 10th of November, A.D. 1836. Joseph Smith Sen., Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints, being present and holding the meeting, a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Huntington Johnson, born in Haddam County of Middlesex State of Connecticut, February 15th, 1796.

Brother — In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head — thou art an orphan and I bestow upon thee a Father's blessings. I seal on thy head the blessing of Abraham and it shall be continued on thee and thy seed after thee through all generations. thy seed shall be instructed in and sanctified by the truth. Thou art a son of Abraham. Thou shalt be numbered with the children of Joseph. Thou shalt be blest with all things — must keep the commandments of the Lord thy God. Thou hast made a covenant to keep the commandments & ordinances of the Lord thy God blameless. must pay attention to the teachings which the Lord thy God has procured for thee. Thou shalt have the blessings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Thou shalt see the visions of the Almighty, the visions of eternity. The Heavens shall be opened to thy view thou must treasure up the words of eternal life. Thou hast the promise of long life, even eighty seven years. Thou must do a great work on the earth and bring many souls to God — must be instrumental in bring many into the covenant, If faithful in keeping the commandments of God Satan shall not have power over thee. Sickness shall flee away from thy touch — the lame man may leap like an hart — the dumb shall sing.

The Lord shall strengthen thee and quicken thine intelligence. quicken thy memory renovate the system of thy body, make thee sound in Soul and body. God will give thee the Priesthood — thou must exercise its powers — preach the gospel — be useful in this generation — as a great work for God — bring many to repentance that they may be baptized for the remission of their sins. I think that thou hast not been very wicked in thy life, but thou must be diligent in keeping the commandments of God. Let God be thy friend — Thou dost not know the power of Satan. In thy intercourse with the world thou must not apply the promises of God to an unbeliever [unbeliever]. Not one jot or tittle of this blessing shall fail. In the name

of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings on thy head. I seal thee up to Eternal life. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:121-122]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jemima Johnson on November 10, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this 10th of November A.D. 1836 Joseph Smith sen. the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the meeting, a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Jemima Johnson wife of Huntington Johnson born in Killingworth, Middlesex County, Conn. Nov. 4 A.D. 1794 —

Sister In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands on thy head and ask my Heavenly Father to have mercy on thee, that thy sins may be washed in the blood of the Lamb. I pray God to show me by his vision his will and his blessing for thee. I want to speak to thee just as God would speak should he now lay his hands on thy head to bless thee I say unto thee let thy heart be enlarged, let the intelligence of Heaven possess thee and let thy system be strengthened Thou must not lean on any temporal arm. Lean on thy God and Savior — no blessing shall be withheld from thee if thou putteth thy trust in Jehovah. Thou shalt have all the comforts of his holy Spirit — thou shalt be held up in affliction. The angels of Heaven shall be round about thee. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. No one has power to erase it but thyself. Let it stand on the pages of Heaven's book. Don't pain heaven by causing angels to weep. Thy days shall be many. If faithful thou shalt see even 93 years. thou shalt raise up children who shall call thee blessed. Thou shalt see great Salvation in Zion. shalt see great things on the earth. If thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God thou shalt not lose any blessing either in temporal or Spiritual things. By the authority of Jesus Christ I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:122-123]

[Patriarchal blessing of Olive Boynton Hale on November 10, 1836]

Patriarchal Blessing given by Joseph Smith Sr. Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, upon the head of Olive Boynton Hale, wife of Johathan [Jonathan] H. Hale, born in Bradford, Mass, July 30, 1805. Given at a patriarchal Meeting in the Kirtland Temple, on November 10, 1836.

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God, the possessor of all power in Heaven and Earth I lay my hands on thy head and bestow on thee a father[']s blessing. I ask God to have mercy and cleanse thee from all sin. Let the blessings of Abraham rest on thy head. Thou hast a father, an Ephraimite, indeed, but he does not know it. Thou hast peace of mind — art thou not to believe? Thy Heavenly father has bestowed on thee more intelligence than on many of thy sex. Thou shalt have long life, enjoy the blessings of this world and life eternal in the Celestial Kingdom. Thou shalt have the righteous desires of thy heart, and be thankful.

Thou mayest tarry till the end of wickedness shall be accomplished; till the gathering of Israel shall be finished; till the winding up scene of this generation; and until the Savior comes in the clouds of Heaven if thou art faithful, and if thou dost attain to that faith. Thou shalt see thy husband return from his labors in the vineyard from time to time, and shall rejoice in the success of his ministry. Many shall be brought into the covenant by his labors. Thou shalt have wisdom in Zion; shalt have the gifts of the church. Thou shalt see the Temple reared to thy Savior, and filled with His glory. The Lord will give thee wisdom. Thou shalt be an instructress to the daughters of the Lamanites; shalt teach them to labor with their hands. Thou shalt be busy and useful in the Camp of God, and rejoice in his doings; art blessed in common with thy husband. In the name of Jesus Christ, I seal these blessing[s] upon thee. I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Benjamin Kempton on November 14, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House on the 14th day of Nov. 1836 Joseph Smith Senior

the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the meeting a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Benjamin Kempton 8th of Decr AD. 1814.

My Brother, I lay my hands on thy head in the absence of thy father and bestow on thee a blessing that ought to come from him. But he is far from this house. In the name of Jesus Christ I stand in the place of thy Father bless thee. Thou shalt have posterity, have children. some of them shall be prophets & prophets and prophetesses, thou art of the lineage and house of Joseph and thou and thy posterity, if thou art faithful and not slow in keeping the commandments of God. shall be remembered with his children God has looked on thee and remembered thee in mercy. Thou art as one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together. Thou must go to the ends of the earth. Thou shalt belong to one of the quorums of the seventies.

Thou shalt have power over winds & waves. Shall have power to say to them peace, be still, and they shall obey thee. The Lord thy God shall speak from the heavens and till [tell] thee what to do. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself from one place to another. Thou shalt be blessed with long life and good days with all the gifts of the gospel The messengers of heaven shall visit thee. Shall have power to go forth and prevail as Enoch & Jared of old, power to learn that song which can only be sung by the 144 thousand. Thou shalt not want for food or raiment if faithful. No blessing shall be too great for thee. things of heaven and things of earth shall be thine The visions of God continues before me, but I leave thee, These blessings are on condition of thy faithfulness. In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings on thee, and I seal thee up unto eternal life Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:98-99]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha Wright on December 1, 1836]

At a patriarchal blessing meeting held in the Lord's House this the first day of Decr. 1836 Joseph Smith Senr. the Patriarch of the church being present and holding the meeting, a blessing was conferred on the head of Elisha Wright born in Glover Vt. April 9th 1811

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee in his name with the blessings of a father. If thou art faithful the enemy shall not get any advantage over thee thou shalt rise from day to day. thou hast Come out of thy country like Abraham hast come to the land of Kirtland. I say unto thee brother, thou shalt be blest of the Lord. Notwithstanding whatever may be in thy mind, if thou hast doubt the prayer of faith will remove all of them, if thou hast trouble and difficulty the prayer of faith will give the resignation and peace. The Lord has a work for thee to do, has raise thee up for his purpose, has known the use to which he will put thee. in his last kingdom.

Thou art of the lineage of Abraham and may have the priesthood, may go to the lands of the earth and preach the Gospel to the nations Thou mayest be a special witness to many nations, may sail in Ships and preach the gospel to their crews. All this thou mayest do by being faithful and claiming the priesthood. Thou shalt have the power of God sealed upon thee. Thou shalt have power over unclean spirits, power over sickness, shalt command the destroyer to stand back say Satan get hence, power to preach in tongues and interpret languages. power to open the heavens, power to stand in the midst of Judgements, stand in courts.

thou shalt have power to translate thyself like Enoch, power over fires & flood power to instruct the Saints and bring them to Zion, power over the treasures of the earth, have powers of mind and powers of the body shall stand on Mount Zion with the one hundred & forty four thousand and sing their Song. Shall stand on Mount Zion a Savior to many. If thou art faithful thou shalt have all things of heaven and earth, shalt see the end of this generation, see the tribes enter Zion and see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. This blessing is given on condition of keeping the commandments of God. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal

all these blessings upon thy head. and by the authority of the holy priesthood I seal thee up unto eternal life. Amen

N.B. The following items are taken from memory as given by brother Wright viz. he is to belong to one of the quorums of the Seventies, he is to have the ministration of Angels, is to have an inheritance in Zion, is to have posterity. Father Smith observed that the subject of the blessing had been mindful of the Lord from early Youth. The recorder may put these items in the body of the blessing in their proper place or he may record it as a note as he finds it as he thinks best.

Joseph Pine Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:97-98]

[Patriarchal blessing of Matthew Allen on December 3, 1836]

Blessing confirmed upon the head of Matthew Allen who was born in the town of Peru, Co. of Clinton and State of New York, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, in the first month and on the fifteenth day of the month, under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior Patriarch of the church of the Latter Day Saints on the third day of the twelfth month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee in his name. I place the seal upon thee and bless thee in his name and declare unto thee that thou shalt receive and be blessed with much of the spirit of God, nevertheless satan will seek to lead away your mind but you shall have grace sufficient to resist all his wicked schemes. And although he shall think he can overthrow your faith and shall strive in his might to destroy you. yet with struggling hard you shall with much difficulty overcome and shall disappoint the adversary in all his artful and cunning devices. Make not the things public which I speak unto you lest your enemies should take advantage of it and it should be to your hurt. By the authority of the holy priesthood I say unto you that you shall be touched with the finger of inspiration and become a mighty man even like unto Enoch of old: and if thou art faithful, thou mayest be translated like him.

I say unto thee, thou art of the lineage of Joseph: verily thou art of the seed of Joseph and of the blood of Ephraim: thy years and thy labors shall be many but I do not at this time make known unto you what your labors shall be. but if you are faithful it shall be made known; God will reveal to you from time to time what he requires of you and thou shalt be enabled to do many mighty works. An angel shall minister to you in the night time and make known to you what you shall do hereafter. The glory of God shall shine round about you and the blessings of the Lord shall be bestowed upon you. Thou shalt have an inheritance upon the earth. God has looked upon thee from eternity and he will give thee the desire of thine heart. Thou shalt be blessed with all the things that are for thy good. Thou shalt have the riches of the earth and shall raise up posterity and they shall grow up and be a blessing to thee Sickness shall not prevail among them but if thou art faithful thou shalt be blessed with all spiritual blessings and with these blessings I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:99]

[Patriarchal blessing of Anna Stanclift Allen on December 3, 1836]

A blessing pronounced upon the head of Anna Stanclift, wife of Matthew Allen who was born in in the town of Sangersfield in the county of Oneida & State of New York in the year 1794 in the 2d month and on the 12th day of the month under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints, on the 3d day of the 12th month 1836.

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ even the Bethlehem Babe, I lay my hands upon thee and bless thee. Thy name is written in heaven. rejoice, for the angels rejoice over thee thee [the] heavens rejoice over

the righteous that dwell upon the earth and for the prosperity of Zion. and all the heavens weep over the scene of iniquity and wickedness of the desolation of abominations that reigns upon the face of the earth. The vigor of thy youth shall be renewed thy intellectual powers shall be strengthened and increased. thy memory shall be strengthened. examine thyself repent of thy sins make confession before God and thou shalt not be confounded. Thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion and shall rejoice over thy children. in common with thy companion. A crown of eternal glory awaits thee. Thou shalt be crowned with never fading glory in the celestial kingdom I seal thee up unto eternal life, praying my heavenly Father. to seal it in heaven: I confirm these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

L. M. Davis Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:100]

[Patriarchal blessing of Isaac Rogers on December 3, 1836]

A Blessing confirmed upon the head of Isaac Rogers who was born in the town of Hanover and County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire in the year 1794 in the fourth month and on the 29th day of the month, under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior, patriarch of the church of Latter-Day Saints on the 3d day of December A.D. 1836

Brother in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God and by the authority of the holy priesthood vested in me, I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee. Although thou art an orphan, thou shalt be an orphan no longer for God is thy Father. Inasmuch as thou shalt keep the commandments thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Thou shalt possess the good things of the earth and whatsoever thou layest thy hand to in righteousness it shall prosper. The Lord has a great work for thee to perform because of the desires of thy heart, for the solemnities of eternity have rested upon thy mind when thou wast young, and thou hast desired to know the truth. Thy heart has been touched with the operations of the spirit of God.

Thou art of the lineage of Joseph and of the blood of Ephraim. and one of those who shall push the people together, for thou shalt be called to the ministry, and shall go to the nations of the earth and proclaim the gospel. Thou shalt have power to command the winds and the waves, that they shall obey thee; even nothing shall be too hard for thee. No prison shall contain thee, and when those of the enemy shall be hired to seek thy destruction. God shall make known to thee the means of escape and shall set his holy angels to watch over thee. Thou shalt stand to behold the winding up scene, and shall stand on the earth at the coming of Christ if faithful. Thou shalt stand on Mount Zion with the hundred and forty four thousand. This Blessing I seal upon you, and by the authority of the priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ I seal you up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

Lysander M. Davis Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:109]

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan Mills Rogers on December 3, 1836]

Blessing confirmed upon the head of Susan Mills, wife of Isaac Rogers who was born in the town of Newbury in the County of Orange and State of Vermont A.D 1794 in the eighth month and on the 14th day of the month, under the hand of Joseph Smith Sent. patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints, on the 3 day of the 12th month 1836

Sister, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee If thou shalt keep the commandments thou shalt be touched with the finger of inspiration, thy heart shall be sanctified and thou shalt be blessed with the spirit of prophecy. Thy heart shall be made to rejoice in thy day and thou shalt live to behold thy Savior in the flesh if thou shalt desire it: and thou shalt desire it and shall behold him. Thou shalt behold the winding up scene and live to be satisfied with life. Angels shall minister unto thee and

the desire of thy heart shall be given thee: thou shalt have wisdom to instruct many of thy sex and thy children shall listen to thy instruction. They shall grow up and be bright ornaments in the Church of God: they shall be filled with the spirit and shall stand upon the earth and be mighty prophets before the Lord. The treasures of the earth shall be given thee and thou shalt enjoy them in common with thy companion, No blot is upon thy characters but thy name is registered in the heavens and the angels of God shall watch over thee. Thy sins are forgiven thee and thy heart is right before God. and I seal thee up to eternal life: Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life and in the name of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings upon thee, even so Amen.

Lysander M Davis Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:110]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nuripa Ann Rogers on December 3, 1836]

Blessing pronounced upon the head of Nuripa Ann, daughter of Isaac & Susan Rogers who was born in the town of Stanstead County of Richelieu, district of Montreal & province of Lower Canada in the year 1816 in fourth month and on the thirteenth day of the month by Joseph Smith Senir. Patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints and confirmed by her father on the third day of the twelfth month in the year 1836

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head in company with thy father and bless thee for him in the name of Jesus. The adversary will lay a snare for thee that he may lead thee away and destroy thee. But Satan shall not have power to hurt thee, though he will make fearful noises and endeavor to frighten thee from thy duty: yet it thou art faithful the angels will hover over & protect thee. Thy strength shall be renewed, the Lord has heard thy prayers for thou hast seen Sorrow and had many disconsolate hours about things that never were revealed to man. but God will give peace, he will also give thee a Companion, and he shall be strong in the faith and shall lead thee up to Zion, and thou shalt see the temple reared in its magnificence and glory and shall walk to it with thy companion and admire the beauty and splendor thereof.

Thou shalt have wisdom to instruct many children and shall have great riches and shall teach many of the children of the Lamanites to work. Thou shalt raise up children and they shall be a blessing to thee. Great glory awaits thee if thou art faithful and thou shalt become a picture of perfect health and be an ornament to thy sex. Many shall seek unto thee to know the will of the Lord, and thou shalt have power by the spirit of prophecy, to instruct them what they shall do in times of destruction upon the earth, and the time of the time of the downfall of Babylon, thou shalt also be enabled to administer to the necessities of the poor & needy. This is the blessing that I confirm upon thee for thy father and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ even so, Amen

Lysander M. Davis scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:110]

[Patriarchal blessing of Esther Loraine Brown on December 8, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house this 8th day of December 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints being present and holding the meeting, a blessing was conferred on the head of Esther Loraine Brown born in Waterford Vt. Oct 14th 1815.

Sister in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head and place a seal on thy forehead which not be removed only by transgression. Thou standest to me as an orphan I give thee a father[']s blessing I pray God that the angels of heaven may watch over thee. Thou hast been innocent in a great measure in thy heart though thou mayest have sinned Let the Holy Spirit be in thy heart that the eyes of thy understanding may be opened now and in due time great light shall penetrate thy soul. The enemy

will seek to destroy thee, but thou shalt have power to discover his intentions and see the wickedness of men. The Lord will give thee wisdom & intelligence if thou seek wisdom at his hand. Thou must keep the commandments and the word of Wisdom. Thou shalt have a companion in life. Thine eyes shall be opened to behold. thou shalt be blessed in thy posterity thou shalt be a mother in Israel shall have children who shalt be prophets and prophetesses. God has raised thee up for this purpose. Let thy heart be honest and sincere.

Thou shalt have a residence in Zion. Thou hast a great work to do, hast labored hard for the Good and benefit of others. God will give thee the riches of this world and a residence in the Celestial kingdom. If thou desirest with all thy heart to tarry till Jesus comes, thou mayest, if faithful: it shall be according thy faith. Something whispers me that thou shalt stand in the flesh and see Jesus. Thou hast desired that this should be thy blessing. Thou shalt have power to claim thy Father and mother, they shall acknowledge to thee the persecutions with which they have afflicted thee. The Lord has watched over thy lineage. Thou art of the covenant people, Thou art of the blood of Israel, a Daughter of Abraham. This blessing is given on condition of keeping the commandments of God. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these blessings on thy head. By the authority of the holy priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life Amen & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:121]

[Patriarchal blessing of Abel Butterfield on December 8, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 8th day of December AD 1836. Joseph Smith Senr the Patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints being present and holding the meeting a Patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Abel Butterfield born in Farmington state of Maine the 1st day of December A D 1811

O God the eternal father thy servant lacks wisdom and asks thee in the name of Jesus Christ that thou wouldst bestow it upon him — thou wilt hold me accountable for all that I receive at thy hands. My Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon thy head and give thee a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall reach thy posterity. Thou must study to keep the commandments stand to the faith. thou must keep out of bad company. thou hast lacked wisdom and hast been too inquisitive about many things — thou must think before thou speakest. The Lord has laid in thee the foundation of a great man — thou must not meddle with little matters — thou must study the mind and will of God and thou shalt be able by the strength which he will give thee to bring many Souls to him. It shall not be a long time before thy mouth shall be opened and thou shalt be able to speak the word of God.

Thou art of the house and lineage of Joseph — thou art entitled to the Priesthood thy descent is through the loins of Ephraim — thou shalt be a mighty Man in the earth — the earth shall tremble at the sound of thy voice thou shalt have such great power that the inhabitants shall acknowledge thee to be a man of God, thou shalt be the instrument in the hand of the Lord in bringing many out of this generation who shall have a residence in Mount Zion. Thou shalt teach the Lamanites the wonderful things of God in their tongue thou shalt baptize many and they shall rejoice in the Lord Thou hast been in earnest to receive thy blessing. thou hast desired to see the Savior, thou must live up to the word of God.

thou shalt live to see the winding up scene of this generation — shall stand on the Earth and witness the great things of God — see his great doings. thou shalt have a perfect faith — thou shalt have posterity and be blessed with the treasures of the earth — the blessings of Abraham shall rest on thee — thou shalt have the Priesthood and preach the Gospel — thou shalt be a mighty man in counsel — many shall come unto thee for instruction. thou shalt rejoice in the company of the blest — The Angels will watch over thee — they will administer to thee — thou shalt hear the voice of God. A voice from the heavens shall call thee by thy given name and tell thee what to do & instruct thee in thy duty this is thy blessing — it is what thou

hast desired for time & eternity — God will give thee all of these blessings if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God for this blessing is given conditionally In the name of Jesus christ I seal them upon thy head — by authority of the Priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Laban Morrel on December 15, 1836]

At a patriarch blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland the 15 day of Decr. 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter day saints being present and holding the meeting, a blessing was conferred on the head of Laban Morrel born in Wheelock in the county of Caladonia and state of Vermont the 8 day of Der. 1814

My Young Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head and inasmuch as thou art an orphan I bless thee with a Father's blessing. Thy own father not having the power and righteousness, cannot bless thee. Thou hast obeyed the Gospel and hast received a blessing, if thou wilt keep the commandments as thou hast done God, thy Father will continue his blessings to thee. Thou must not look on the failings of thy brethren, but look to thyself and all will be well. If thou keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt have all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob Thou shalt live to have posterity, thy children shall be greatly blessed: the blessings of Abraham shall rest on them. They shall be reckoned and numbered with his children. Thou shalt have the priesthood and the powers of the priesthood. Thou must preach the gospel of the kingdom to the ends of the earth, to the Nations of Europe, Asia & Africa God has called thee and thou must proclaim the gospel.

Thou art of the house & lineage of Abraham, having thy descent through the loins of Joseph. God has looked on thee through the front ranks of Ephraim, having respect to thy blood. Thou shalt be called to one of the quorums of the Seventies. Thou shalt be sent as a special Messenger to the nations of the earth. Thou shalt have the power of God, shalt be able to unveil the heavens, shall receive the ministration of angels, shall be a great man in the earth, shall have power to stay rivers shall have power to translate thyself from one place to another, shall have power over waters and winds, power over fires, shall be able to stand in the midst of Judgements unhurt. Thou shalt sail in ships and preach the gospel to their crews. Thou shalt gather many souls to God. they shall stand on Mount Zion where there shall be deliverance, shall stand in counsel with the one hundred & forty four thousand and sing with them that song which they only can sing.

Thou shalt see the winding up scene of this wicked and untoward generation, shall be present at the gathering. shall be able to stand in the flesh and see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. All the righteous desires of thy heart shall be given thee if thou wilt trust in God, not one jot or tittle of this blessing shall fail. This is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God and the word of wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these blessings on thy head, I seal the[e] up unto eternal life. even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:120]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lorenzo Snow on December 15, 1836]

At a Patriarchal blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s House in Kirtland this the fifteenth day of Dec. eighteenth hundred and thirty six. Joseph Smith Sen the Patriarch of the Church of LD. Saints being present and holding the meetting [meeting] a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Lorenzo Snow son of Oliver Snow born in Mantua Portage Co State of Ohio the 3d of April 1814.

Brother — In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood which God has confer[r]ed on me and by the Holy Anointing I lay my hands on thy head and give thee a Father's Blessing I ask God the Eternal Father who has call[e]d me to the off[f]ice of the Priesthood to open the vi-

sions of my mind and give me the Holy Spirit. I ask him to have mercy on thee who art but a youth — thou hast been dilligent [diligent] and ardent in thy application to thy learning. God has looked upon thee from all Eternity — has been propitious has been bountiful in his gifts — given thee Intelligence — tallent [talent] and great faculties of mind that thou mightest be useful in his Cause Thou hast a great work to do in thy day and generation God has call[e]d thee to the ministry.

Thou must preach the Gospel of thy Savior to the inhabit — inhabitants of the earth, Thou shalt become a mighty man in the Earth — Thou shalt have great faith — even like that of the Brother of Jared. — thou shalt have power to translate thyself from one plannet [planet] to annother [another] — power to go to the moon if thou shalt desire it. Power to preach to the spirits in prison — power like Enoch to translate thyself to heaven, — thou shalt have power to rend the vail [veil] of heaven and see Jesus standing at the right hand of his Father. Theare [There] shall not be a mightier man on Earth than thou. Thy faith shall increase and grow stronger and stronger it shall be liken like that of Peter thy shadow shall restore the sick — the diseased shall send to thee their handkerchiefs and aprons and by thy touch their owners shall be healed. Thou shalt have power over unclean spirits; at thy command the powers of darkness shall stand back, and Devils shall flee away. If it be expedient the Dead shall rise and come forth at thy bid[d]ing even those that have long slept in the dust shall come foarth [forth] to life.

Thou shalt have long life thou shalt live to the age of Moses yet not be old, for old age shall not come upon thee, the vigor of thy mind shall not be abated and thy vigor and strength of thy body shall be preserved. Thou shalt have power to stand in the flesh and see Jesus come come in the clouds, no power shall take thy life so long as it shall be useful to thy fellow men thou shalt preach the gospel so long as there [there] shall be an ear to hear or an heart to believe. — Thou must open thy mouth and the Lord will fill it with arguments. thy voice shall cause the Earth to tremble. Thou must pray for thy kindred and be dilligent [diligent] and thou shall see All thy kindred shall be brought into the kingdom and have a Celestial Glory

Thou art of the House and lineage of Abraham thy descent is thro' [through] the loins of Joseph and Ephraim and art entitled to the Priesthood — God will give thee a companion of thy hearts desire — thou shalt have posterity — thy sons shall be large and mighty men — even large in stature like unto the Jaredit[e]s their strength shall be like the strength of Sampson Thou shalt sit in council with the one hundred and forty four thousand and shall stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion and shall be able to sing thy song. This is thy Blessing. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal them on thy head and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal thee up to Eternal life — even so Amen & Amen

NB. The above blessing is to be recorded in the name of thy Father it is his Blessing on the head of L Snow

[Patriarchal blessing of Dominicus Carter on December 19, 1836]

Blessing confirmed upon the head of Dominicus Carter who was born in the town of Scarborough, county of Cumberland in the State of Maine in the year 1806 in the sixth month and on the 21st day of the month, under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior, Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day-Saints on the 19 day of the 12 month 1836

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy priesthood I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee. Thou hast no father that can bless thee in Righteousness, but thou standest as an orphan. I bless thee with the blessings of a father and thou shalt go to many nations, thou shalt be called and qualified for my work, you shall be called to the seventies even called to be the Lord's anointed and no hand that is raised against you shall prevail for the Lord has said he would preserve his anointed. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and shall yet understand many languages. Study them to show yourself

approved of God. Study the revelations. and remember that God has enjoined upon you to perform a great work.

You shall have power over winds and waves. and when you shall be cast away upon a desert Island, and many times feel yourself forsaken the Angels shall minister unto you. And when you are on the ocean and your life in Peril you shall have power to calm the waves. And should your lot be cast among a barbarous people and they seek to destroy you if need require it you shall even power to translate yourself or to call down fire from heaven as did Elijah of old, And you shall win many souls from among that people, and God shall speak to you and send his angels to minister unto you and to feed you so that you shall not perish. Thou shalt be blessed the the house of Joseph. Thou shalt have riches and prosperity and God will prepare for you an inheritance in Zion. You shall have power over unclean spirits and all sickness. You shall be numbered with the hundred and forty four thousand and sing a song which none but that holy number can sing. You shall stand to behold the winding up scene and shall have a multiplicity of blessings which my tongue cannot express, and I seal you up to eternal life, even so Amen

Lysander Davis Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:115-116]

[Patriarchal blessing of Julius Thompson (not dated but 1835 or 1836)]

Julius Thompson was born in Gorham, Litchfield Co. Connecticut April 19th 1807.

Brother Thompson, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and according to the authority and power of the Holy Priesthood I confirm a father[']s blessing upon thee, even the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob, which shall be as a seal and covenant for thee, and for thy Posterity after thee, and if thou wilt keep the commandments and do all thy duty unto thy children there shalt none of them be lost, be faithful and thou shalt have power to keep them in the covenant. I seal power upon thee to magnify thy calling and do honor to the holy priesthood and fill the office whereunto thou hast been ordained. Keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments of God & thou shalt be made a mighty man in the earth, inasmuch that the great, the noble & the rich shall seek counsel of thee, because of the wisdom which thy God shall give unto thee. Thou hast feared and been diffident in thy duty, but put away all fear and grieve the holy spirit no more: open thy mouth and the Lord shall fill it and give the words so that thou canst speak as with the voice of an arch Angel, and the earth shall tremble at the power of thy word, which is the power of the everlasting Gospel. Thou wilt see great destructions and calamities on the face of the earth, and thou shalt weep at the distress of thy fellow men, but the Lord shall stand by thee to deliver thee so that thou shalt not fall by the hand of the destroyer, and nothing shall have power to harm thee: but thou shalt have power over floods and flames, and the winds shall obey thy voice, and all the elements shall be subject to thy prayer of faith. and inasmuch as thou shalt put thy trust in God, he will deliver thee and thou shalt go forth as upon the wings of Eagles, from city to city & from land to land, and from world to world, and preach the gospel in other planets and save many. I seal all the power of the holy priesthood and the holy anointing upon thee. And the blessings of heaven & earth even all, however, great, and I seal thee up up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:35]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Thompson (not dated but 1835 or 1836)]

Sarah Thompson was born in Hornellsville, Steuben County N.Y. May 29th 1807

Sister Thompson, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm blessings in common with thy husband upon thee, yet thou shalt not be called to suffer so much as he, but shall see tribulation, nevertheless thou shalt be a mother in Israel, must watch over thy children in the absence of thy husband and tell them of their father, and teach them to pray. Thou shalt be filled with the spirit, and if thou

art called to lay down thy life weep not, for it shall only be according to thy desire, and for thy good. Thou shalt see the kingdom of the Redeemer built up, and if thou wilt seek with all thy heart and obey the word of God in all things thou shalt see thy Redeemer in the flesh. Angels shall minister unto thee and thy soul shall be filled with joy that is unspeakable & full of Glory; thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart in righteousness, even all that thou wilt seek at the hand of thy God, and all the blessings that thou wilt live for thou shalt have, and I seal them for thee in the name of Jesus, and I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:35]

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Blessings by Joseph Smith Sr.
Not Dated but Probably 1836¹

[Patriarchal blessing of Elijah Able]

Blessing of Elijah Able who was born in Frederick County, Maryland, July 25th 1808.

Brother Able, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee and thou shalt be blessed even forever. I seal upon thee a father's blessing, because thou art an orphan, for thy father, hath never done his duty toward thee, but the Lord hast had his eye upon thee, and brought thee through straits and thou hast come to be rec[k]oned with the saints of the most High. Thou hast been ordained an Elder and anointed to secure thee against the power of the destroyer. Thou shalt see his power in laying waste the nations, & the wicked slaying the wicked, while blood shall run down the streets like water, and thy heart shall weep over their calamities. Angels shall visit thee and thou shalt receive comfort. They shall call thee blessed and deliver thee from thine enemies. They shall break thy bands and keep thee from afflictions. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life.

Thou shalt travel in the East and visit foreign countries, speak in all the various tongues, and thou shalt be able to teach different languages. Thou shall see visions of this world and other worlds and comprehend the laws of all kingdoms, and confound the wisdom of this generation. Thy life shall be preserved to a good old age. Thou must seek first the kingdom of heaven and all blessings shall be added thereto. Thou shalt be made equal to thy brethren and thy soul be white in eternity and thy robes glittering; thou shalt receive these blessings because of the covenants of thy fathers. Thou shalt save thy thousands, do much good, and receive all the power that thou needest to accomplish thy mission. These and all the blessings which thou canst desire in righteousness, I seal upon thee, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:49]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Allen]

John Allen born in Peru, Clinton County, New York, May 11th 1808.

Brother Allen, Inasmuch as thou art young and lately born into the kingdom, I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee. the enemy is trying to turn thee away from thy faith, and thou must bid him depart from thee in the name of Jesus, and by the authority of the Priesthood I confer on thy head and on the head of thy seed, a father's blessing; thou art an orphan, and hast not a father to bless thee, that thy name and thy children's name be written in a book. Thou art of the seed of Joseph, the son of Jacob, and thou must take the

1. A number of early patriarchal blessings were pronounced without indicating when the blessing was given. Most, if not all, of the blessings in this section were likely received in 1836.

horns of Joseph unto thee. Thou art one of the quorums of the Seventies. Thou shalt be called into their ranks in the due time of the Lord. Thou art called to go to the ends of the Earth, and preach the gospel from one kingdom to another. Thou shalt have to stand before kings and rulers, thou shalt circumscribe the earth.

Thou shalt have power like one of the Nephites of old, to tarry till Jesus shall come in the clouds of heaven, thou shalt see the consummation of all things up to the coming of Jesus Christ, thou shalt stand among the one hundred and forty four thousand who shall stand with the Lamb on mount Zion, thou shalt see the Church of Enoch come down from heaven, they shall fall on thy neck, and thou shalt fall on their necks, no power shall hold thee, no person [prison] shall keep thee. Thou shalt have power to hush to silence the boisterous winds, and still the waves. Be faithful and nothing shall be too great for thee. Thou shalt be blessed with the things of earth and the things of heaven. I seal all these blessings upon thee. I seal thee up to eternal life — Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:144-145]

[Patriarchal blessing of Julia Allen]

Also the blessing of Julia Allen, born in the town of Pike Allegany Co. N.Y. Oct. 30th 1815.

Sister, in the name of the great Redeemer of mankind and by the Authority of the priesthood I lay my hands upon thy head and confer for thy benefit a blessing on thy head. I pray the Lord thy God that he would have mercy on thee. May he strengthen thee that thy heart may be whole and thy memory strong. I pray in the name of Jesus that all these things may be thine. Thou hast obeyed the gospel and hast been baptized with water. I desire that thou mayest be baptized with the holy Ghost. Thou art blessed in common with thy husband, and if thou art faithful ere long thou shalt be visited by angels from heaven.

When thy husband is abroad preaching to the inhabitants of the earth and gets into tribulation and experiences anguish of heart for righteousness sake, the angels shall tell thee. Thou shalt be blessed with children who shall be members of the new covenant. They shall have the spirit of prophecy. When thy health shall decline, friends shall minister unto thee. Thy Sins are forgiven thee. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Thou shalt have long life, have the things of time and enjoy the spirit of God. As it respects the things of time and eternity thou shalt enjoy them and say they are enough. Thou shalt see the winding up scene of this wicked and adulterous generation. Thou shalt see Jesus Christ come in the clouds of heaven with all his holy angels. I seal all these blessings upon thee I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen & Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:85]

[Patriarchal blessing of James W. Angel]

Blessing of James W. Angel who was born in North Providence Rhode Island, Oct. 15th 1776

Brother Angel, I call thee brother for thou art a brother by blood, for thou art of the seed of Abraham I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus: and if thou wilt go forward in the ordinances of the gospel, thou shalt be blessed and thou shalt receive the blessing of Abraham, that thou shalt have power to lay thine hands upon the heads of thy children and I will give thee authority so to do, and thou shalt bless them with the blessings of a father. Thou shalt see many glorious scenes, the heavens shall be open unto thee and thou shalt say it is enough. Thou shalt come forth on the morning of the resurrection, to meet thy Saviour in the air and so be forever with the Lord. And thou art faithful I will seal these blessings upon thy head, and do seal them upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:55]

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe Angel]

Blessing of Phebe Angel who was born in Guilford, Massachusetts, March 28th 1786

Sister: let thy heart be glad for thy sins are forgiven thee. and thy name is written in the Lamb's Book

of Life. Thou shalt receive an hundred fold in this world, & in the world to come, life everlasting: for I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus. Thou must keep the word of wisdom and thou shalt receive all the blessings of Abraham, and no power can harm thee in this world. Thine eyes shall be opened and thou shalt have the visions of heaven; the holy angels shall minister unto thee and thou shalt see many glorious things. Thou shalt be filled with the fulness of joy and thou shalt come forth in the morning of the resurrection to meet thy Saviour. and all these blessings thou shalt receive in common with thy husband: and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:55]

[Patriarchal blessing of Truman O. Angell]

Blessing of Truman O. Angel, who was born at N. Providence Rhode Island June 5th 1810

Brother Angel: in the name of Jesus of Nazareth who was born at Bethlehem I lay my hands upon thy head. Satan will rage because thou art a child of God, and will strive to sift thee as wheat but thou must remember this day and these blessings which I seal upon thy head and also the blessings of thy father when thou shalt be blessed of him, and thou shalt receive the blessing of a father whether he blesses thee or not. Thou shalt be an heir of God and a joint heir of Jesus Christ. The power of darkness shall give way before thee. Thou shalt cause the earth to tremble at thy word when thou speakest yea thou shalt be mighty as Enoch, who built a city unto God. Thy Redeemer shall speak from heaven unto thee, and thy soul shall soar aloft, and thou shalt be caught up to the third heaven together with thy brother, and shall behold the glory of God: and thou shalt be mighty and thou shalt be able to perform thy mission, throughout the earth. Thou shalt rend prisons and they cannot hold thee.

Thou by thy faith shalt quench the violence of flames: thou shalt divide waters and floods cannot drown thee. God shall speak to thee and thou shalt behold him and he shall lay his hands upon thee & thou shalt know it. Thou shalt have power to go forth and win many souls unto Christ, yea thou shalt win thousands, and they shall be stars in thy crown and thou shalt rest with them in the kingdom of heaven. and all these blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus, the son of the living God. even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:57]

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Angel]

Blessing of Polly Angel who was born in Riga Monroe Co. N.Y. June 4th 1803

Sister, In the name of Jesus and by the Authority vested in me by the Holy Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head, to confirm blessings upon thee, yea I confirm all the blessings both of time and eternity upon thy head in common with thy companion. Thy children shall grow up in the fear of the Lord, They shall become mighty & they shall be able to prophecy and co[m]prehend all knowledge & wisdom: Thou shalt be left many times by thy husband that he may fulfil his mission and thou shalt hold him up by thy prayers of faith, & thou shalt be willing for him to go forth and in his absence, Angels shall minister unto thee and comfort thee. Thou shalt live and see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt receive all the blessings of the Ancients, and if thou wilt continue to put thy trust in God the Lord will visit thee and he will call thy friends in his own due time. Thou shalt stand side and side with thy companion in Zion and thou shalt be satisfied with the Goodness of the Lord: and if thou seekest thou shalt not sleep in the dust. but shalt have thy choice either to sleep in the dust or to wafted in chariots of fire, & to be translated. All these blessings I seal upon thy head if faithful. and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus, even so. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:57-58]

[Patriarchal blessing of Solomon Angel]

Blessing of Solomon Angel who was born in Florence, Oneida Co. N.Y. April [blank] 1806

Brother Angel; in the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head, and seal upon thine head all the blessings pertaining to the holy priesthood for thou art a son of Zion Thou hast been willing to lay down thy life in defense of thy brethren; The Lord hath called with a holy calling and if thou wilt be faithful, thou shalt become mighty in faith, as the brother of Jared, yea, thou shalt become mighty as ever any man was since the world was made. Thou shalt be caught up and shalt see the glory of the glory of the upper world, thou shalt accomplish all things that thou shalt desire in righteousness

Thou shalt be mighty as the three Nephites; thou shalt visit planets besides this and thou shalt hold the keys that have been bestowed upon thee, while the world shall stand, and I confirm these blessings upon thy head for thy good and for the benefit of thy posterity while the world shall stand. that they may have claim for their inheritance among their brethren as thy father. Thou shalt go forth and thou shalt return many times from thy mission to thy family or to the Land of Zion & thou shalt enjoy their society. Thou shalt have many blessings, yea, all the powers of darkness cannot harm thee. If necessary thou shalt call fire down from heaven, when mobs and enemies surround thee. Prisons shall not hold thee. and I seal all these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:58]

[Patriarchal blessing of Eunice C. Angel]

Blessing of Eunice C. Angel who was born in Gloucester, Rhode Island November 23d A.D. 1810

Sister In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head, as thou art a daughter of Abraham and thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Thou art young and satan will seek to destroy thee, but if thou cleave to the Lord with all thy soul he shall have no power over thee. Thou shalt save all thy children. Thou shalt have long life and shalt see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt see the heavens open and the glory pertaining thereto, & thou shalt rise to meet Christ in the air and so be forever with the Lord, and thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion. Thou shalt pray for thine husband when he is absent from thee, and hold him up by thy prayers of faith, These blessings are are thine if thou art faithful. & I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:58]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sampson Avar]

Sampson Avar was born in St. Peters in the Isle of Gurnsey Oct. 23d [blank]

Brother Avar, In the name and acting under the authority of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the great Redeemer and under the Authority of the Priesthood I lay my hands on thy head & on the head of the head of thy posterity. I ask the[e] O God the eternal Father, to show me thy state and condition, let me have the same vision and fullness which thou possesseth, I say that thou hast obeyed the gospel of thy Saviour. Thou hast become by the power of the holy Ghost, a member of the New Covenant. Thou hast stood among men of the world. These men shall be in fear & shall not dare to revile thy name. No unrighteous combinations of men shall prosper against thee. Walk humbly before God. Something whispers me, that thou shalt have the priesthood. Thou hast made a sacrifice [sacrifice] of many things. Gon [Go] on thy way rejoicing for thou shalt be blessed for the sacrifices thou hast made.

The Lord thy God hath prepared thee for the ministry. Seek the Lord & keep his commandments, & thou shalt rejoice in thy calling. Thou hast sought for learning and science. Thy learning shall do thee good and give thee access to thy fellow men. Lean upon the arm of the Lord and thou shalt be a successful minis-

ter of Jesus Christ. Thy strength shall not fail thee. Thou shalt know the order of the Solar System. The angels of God shall teach thee. Be strong in the Lord & thou shalt stand among the one hundred & forty four thousand on Mount Zion. Thy desires shall be accomplished. Thou shalt have power to turn water and still the raging winds if necessary. I seal these things and the blessing of eternal life upon thee. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:63]

[Patriarchal blessing of Aaron A. Avery]

Blessing of Aaron A. Avery who was born in Spafford, Onondaga County N.Y. in the year of our Lord 1812

Brother Avery, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay hands on thy head and confer on thee a father's blessings of the priesthood. Thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob. Thou shalt raise up children and they shall be blessed throughout their generations: they shall be valiant men and mighty in the defense of Zion. Thou art a son of Zion and hast been willing to lay down thy life The Lord has accepted thy offering and hath given thee thy life: The powers of darkness shall not prevail against thee, the destroyer shall not harm thee. Thou art of the seed of Israel and shall become mighty on the earth as one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together.

Thou shalt see the Lord in the flesh and behold his glory, and shall continue on the earth and behold the winding up scene. Thou shalt go forth and shall have all power ready for the accomplishment of thy mission. Angels shall minister unto thee and instruct thee. Thou shalt have power to convince thy father, thy mother, and thy brethren. Thy God has sealed thee. Thou hast been slow to open thy mouth and hast not been diligent in thy calling. Fear not the Lord thy God shall be with thee, thou shalt bring thousands to the kingdom of God and shall dwell with him a thousand years on the earth and shall rejoice with thy God eternally in his kingdom. inasmuch as thou art faithful I seal these blessings upon thy head. even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:74-75]

[Patriarchal blessing of Fanny M. Avery]

Also the Blessing of Fanny M. Avery.

Sister: I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thou hast once had a blessing confirmed upon thee, which thou shalt receive. Thou shalt be blessed in common with thy husband. Thy life is precious in the sight of the Lord even as the life of thy companion. Thou shalt bear him up by the prayer of faith and shall continue on the earth even until the heavens shall rend inasmuch as thou art faithful. even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:75]

[Patriarchal blessing of John D. Baldwin]

Blessing of John D. Baldwin born in Bradford, County of Orange Vermont June 28th 1785

Infinite and eternal Father, Let thy blessing rest down upon this person who has presented for thy blessing. Let my mind be guided and directed by the holy spirit. In the name of Jesus the son of the Most High God, and by the authority of the holy priest-hood I lay my hands on thy head, That thou mayest receive a fathers that thou mayest receive authority to stand before thy family and bless them in the name of the Lord. that thy children may stand in the covenant and receive the promise made to Abraham. I say, brother, inasmuch as thou hast been baptized and hast become a member of the new covenant, if thou art meek and continue faithful, thou shalt live long and do good on the earth to thy fellow men. Thou shalt

be rich in the world and have cattle in abundance. If thou [illegible] thy confidence in God, thou shalt become an heir with him and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. Thou hast a right in some degree to the priesthood.

Thou must do good in this church and shall have power to bring souls to God. Thou shalt have power to circumscribe the earth. Thy natural strength shall not abate. As thy days so shall thy natural power be prolonged Thy health, if thou art meek, shall be continued. Thy lameness shall be healed Thou shalt be an instrument of doing much good in the earth. Thou shalt have the good thing of the earth. Thou shalt enjoy the spirit of God & say it is enough. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these blessings upon thy head. I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:90]

[Patriarchal blessing of Robert W. Bidwell]

Blessing of Robert W. Bidwell who was born in the Town of Stillwater Saratoga County N.Y. 1796

Brother Bidwell I lay my hands upon thy head by the authority of the holy priesthood. I confirm on thee the blessings of a father. The Lord has had his eyes upon thee. If thou art faithful, thou shalt behold the Saviour when he shall come. Thou shalt have a father's blessing to thee and thy posterity. I seal upon thee the power of this priesthood. Thou shalt be to it and through thy administration the sick shall be healed, crooked limbs made straight, mountains shall be removed and nothing shall be too hard for thee. Thou shalt be prospered on thy journey to Zion and none shall hedge up thy way. Thy life shall be protracted as long as thou canst be beneficial in winning souls. All things are thine, long life and the blessings of eternity and all things in the earth in faithfulness, and thou art sealed up unto eternal life, even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:47]

[Patriarchal blessing of Betsey Bidwell]

Blessing of Betsey Bidwell who was born in Phelps, Ontario County N.Y. 1803

Sister Bidwell, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father's blessing upon thee in common with thy husband. If thou art faithful thou shalt come forth and be an heir with Jesus Christ, and in thy capacity thy blessings shall be as his. Thou shalt be a mother in Israel and shall bring up orphans. Thou shalt be satisfied with seeing the things of God. Angels shall minister to thee. Thou shalt teach some of the Lamanites. When thy children are sick thou shalt have power with God and they shall be restored. Thou mayest be translated to heaven or moulder in the dust as thy desire shall be. And I seal thee up to eternal life through faithfulness, and I ask the Lord to seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Recording Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:47]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Bucklin Bosworth]

Blessing of Joseph Bucklin Bosworth, born in Scituate, Kent Co. Rhode Island March 6th 1790

Brother Bosworth, In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, even the Bethlehem Babe, I lay my hands upon thy head; according to my calling, and the power of the Holy Priesthood which hath been conferred upon me. I pronounce the blessings of a father upon thee which shall reach thy posterity, even to the end, if thou be faithful. Thou shalt have power to save thy family, even all so that none of them shall be lost. Thou shalt have power over thy relations; they shall tremble at thy words and know that thou art a man of God. They shall confess unto thee thy Joy. Thou shalt have power to bless thy children in due time, and give them

power to bless their children: and thy generations shall be blessed after thee, and rise up and bless thee, and thou shalt be called blessed even as Abraham.

Thou art a son of Abraham of the pure blood of Ephraim, and the Lord hath a great work for thee to do. Thou shalt go to distant nations and proclaim the gospel as with the voice of God. The earth shall quake and tremble, the heavens shall rend, and thou shalt see thy Redeemer in the flesh and know that he is, and that thou art redeemed by his blood. Thou shalt be redeemed from the fall while in the flesh, and stand upon the earth till the end of wickedness upon the face thereof. Thou shalt have a place among the hundred and forty four thousand on Mt. Zion. The Lord hath looked on thee from the beginning and blessed thee, & held blessings in reserve for thee, for thy family, and for thy friends, because thou wast accounted worthy, through the gospel.

Thy seed shall be mighty before God, receive the holy priesthood, speak by the power of the spirit, be filled with the spirit of prophecy & revelation and know all things even to the end. Put thy trust in God and he shall keep thee and deliver thee from all the power of thine enemies. His angels shall minister unto thee. and he, himself be with thee. Thou shalt hear his voice directing thy course before thee, and thou shalt follow him and be made like unto the Nephites of old.

Thou shalt go from place to place, from land to land, from sea to sea & visit other planets. Thou shalt preach to spirits in prison, gather thy thousands from worlds of which thou knowest not now, and receive the treasures of heaven & earth even a fulness. Thy voice shall be heard in eternity and Angels shall greatly rejoice over thee. Thy joy shall be great with those whom thou shalt gather from the nations, even a fulness of celestial glory in the presence of God and the Lamb forever. These are thy blessings, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:67]

[Patriarchal blessing of James Braden]

Blessing of James Braden, who was born in West-Bethlehem, Washington County in the state of Pennsylvania August 1st 1801.

Brother Braden, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, even the Bethlehem Babe, I lay my hands upon thy head, to secure thee from the power of Satan, he hath sought to overthrow thee, and will continue to seek thy destruction. Thou must be on thy guard and live up to thy privilege, and thou shalt have power to command him to depart and he shall be subject unto thee. Thou shalt have power over thunders, and lightnings shall be subject to thy voice through faith. Thou shalt have great faith, command winds and waves, travel by sea & by land, be in perils among false brethren, but trust in God and he will deliver thee. Call on the heavens and thou shalt know thy danger, angels shall thee how to escape. Thou shalt command the waves when about to sink and be a means of saving ships crews, & they shall know that it is by the power of God and believe and thou shalt baptize them in the briny deep, seal them up to eternal life and send them to Zion.

Thou shalt go on thy mission from ship to ship, from land to land and from sea to sea. travel much & God shall be with thee. Thou art of the tribe of Benjamin, must be cast on a barbarous island, do wonders among the nations; head the sick, raise the dead, and so great will be thy power that they will call thee a God and seek to worship thee. and thou shalt hardly restrain them. Great shall be the work which thou shalt do. Thou shalt have power to do all things which it is possible for man to do, and when thou hast done thy work thou shalt return to Zion and rest with thy family in thy old age and thy days shall be happy. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer face to face. Angels shall converse with thee and thou shalt receive a crown of eternal life. These blessings I seal for thee in the name of Jesus, and for thy posterity after thee to the latest gener-

ation, for they shall enter into thy blessings and covenants and thou shalt seal blessings for them and they shall be kept unto eternal life. Thou shalt have power to do all things for them which thou shalt desire, and not lack in any good thing. and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:47-48]

[Patriarchal blessing of Melinda Brasee]

Blessing of Melinda Brasee who was born in Watertown Litchfield Co. Ct. Feb 2d 1782

Sister, In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the son of the living God and by the authority of the Priesthood which I have received of him, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed. Though thou hast been stubborn in thy mind as it respects the way of life an[d] salvation which God is revealing by the power of his spirit in these last days, yet thou hast surrendered thyself into the hands of thy God and the angels of heaven have rejoiced over thee. Thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life to remain thus written if thou dost not become a daughter of perdition by apostasy. Thy heart is now pure before God. If thou remainest faithful to thy covenants, thy health shall not be much broken Thou shalt go to Zion and have the countenance and support of thy children. Thou and they shall have an inheritance in that land. Thou shalt be an instructor to many: for thou shalt be a mother in Israel. Thou shalt see the temple in Zion and the cloud resting upon it. Thou shalt see many days and be satisfied with the things of this world and the things of the world to come. By the power of the priesthood I seal all these blessings on thy head, and I seal thee up to eternity, Amen & Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:76-77]

[Patriarchal blessing of Marshall Brewster]

Blessing of Marshall Brewster, born in Washington, Berkshire County Mass. aged 34 years

Brother Brewster, In the name and acting under the commission and authority of Jesus Christ, the Alpha & Omega, the beginning and the end, I lay my hands upon thee. Pray to thy God and Father for wisdom for light and understanding. Thou hast studied much & sought for things for God. Thou shalt be of the faith of good old Abraham. Thou art a descendant of Israel; thou shalt minister to this generation and preach the gospel of thy God & Saviour. Thou shalt have a partner and posterity. Thou shalt be a teacher to thy children and stand as a patriarch to thy seed. Thou shalt be useful to this generation and show many the way of life and salvation. Thy learning, if thou dost not lean upon it, shall be of great use to thee and to thy fellow men. No one shall have power to stand before thee in argument, if thou trust to the strength of thy heavenly Father. Thine eyes shall witness the winding up of the great drama, the destruction of the material system and consummation of all things, up to the coming of Jesus Christ, whom thou shalt see come in the clouds of heaven Be humble, be patient, be contrite. and God the Father shall make the[e] a member of the celestial world, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:66]

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Brown]

Blessing of Polly Brown who was born in Genoa, Cayuga County N.Y. A.D. 1806

Sister Brown, in the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands up thy head, I seal a father's blessing upon thee in common with thy husband. Thou shalt see sorrow and mourning, yet the Lord shall bless thee. Thou shalt see many orphan children, blood carnage &c. Thou shalt long to be away with thy Redeemer. Thou shalt be a mother in Israel, and a teacher of thy sex. Thou shalt see angels ascend & descend Thou shalt hear the voice of God speaking from the heavens. When thy husband shall return, he shall lead many

to Zion and introduce them to thee. God shall comfort thee and thou shalt be blessed and thy family with thee. Eternal life awaits thee, and I ask my heavenly Father to seal these upon thee, in the name of Jesus Christ even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:46]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sherman Brown]

Blessing of Sherman Brown, who was born in Genoa, Cayuga Co N.Y. A.D. 1800.

Brother Brown, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head. I ask my heavenly Father to seal blessings upon thee. Thou art of the blood of Israel, and thou mayest have the blessings of the priesthood. The Lord shall sustain thee. Thou shalt see the heavens open, whither in or out of the body thou canst not tell. Thou shalt see visions of angels who shall instruct thee, and thou shalt teach thy children and see that they are baptized. All blessings are thine and thy posterity shall be blessed and it shall be written in a book. Thy tongue shall be loosed and thou shalt speak strange things, thou shalt preach to the spirits that are in prison and this shall be thy joy in the kingdom of God. All things are thine, the earth and the blessings thereof. In Zion thou shalt have houses and lands, and men and maid servants and princess shall be thy vine drop[p]ers. Eternal life is thine, and thou shalt be rec[k]oned among the one hundred and forty four thousand, and have the seal of God in thy forehead. The Lord shall seal these blessings upon thee and upon thy posterity to the latest generations, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:46]

[Patriarchal blessing of Anna Buchanan]

Blessing of Anna Buchanan born in Halifax Vermont April 20th 1803.

Sister, In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ who rose from the dead and who sitteth on the right hand of God, making intercession to his Father and our Father for us. I lay my hands on thee and thy seed: I do it by the authority of the priesthood which God has conferred on me, and confer on thee a blessing in common with thy husband, and thy blessing will descend on thy children. Thou art of the seed of Joseph. Thou hast obeyed the Gospel of thy God & Saviour Thou must forsake all sin an[d] unrighteousness, and no blessing shall be too great for thee. In absence of thy husband, thou shalt be comforted. Thou must hold him up by the prayer of faith and he will be strengthened by the God of Israel. Be faithful to thy children and when they are sick, thy prayer shall be heard. Thou shalt see Zion and have a residence there, and rejoice in the God of thy salvation. Thou shalt see Jesus and behold the wounds in his hands and feet. Thy years shall be many and thou shalt have the good things of this world. Thou shalt have men-servants and maid Servants and be satisfied with the things of time and eternity. I seal thee up to eternal life, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:71]

[Patriarchal blessing of Simeon Carter]

Blessing of Simeon Carter, born in Killingworth, Middlesex Co. Ct. June 7th A.D. 1794

Brother Simeon; I have looked upon thee and have had great desire for thy welfare & blessing therefore, I lay my hands upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus, and I pray my heavenly Father to give me his spirit and power to bless thee: and I say unto thee because thou hast faithful in thy calling and ministry until now I bestow upon thee a father[']s blessing. Thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Joseph, for thou art a descendant of Joseph Thy God hath looked upon thee and hath chosen thee from all eternity to be a minister of Jesus Christ according to his holy calling and purpose, for thou art one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together to the ends of the earth. Thou shalt know what it is to preach the gospel in power, even that power which has not as yet entered in to thy heart: for thou shalt go forth in the power of

God. No one shall stay thee for the Lord thy God shall be with thee & thou shalt wax strong for thy faith and thy works shall be great even like that of Enoch. At thy word the earth shall tremble beneath thy feet, the mountains shall shake, the hills shall fall down before thee, and the wicked shall fear and quake, because of the power of thy words. The wicked cannot harm thee and because of thy faith and diligence, thou shalt enjoy all that God can bestow upon thee and thy seed in their generations forever.

The desire of thy heart is for the welfare of thy wife, thy children, and thy God shall bless them and their posterities forever and they shall be blessed and numbered with the children of Zion. They shall receive inheritance with the saints and be blessed with the blessings of earth and heaven. Thy wife shall be filled with wisdom and power, & with the prayer of faith she shall uphold in thy absence. & she shall have wisdom to instruct her children in righteousness. And they shall be blessed with eternal life. & thy wife shall share with thee in all thy blessings: And because of the desire of thy heart thou shalt live to behold the winding up scene of this generation and the Lord Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven. Thou shalt go forth in mighty power to the nations, and seal up thy thousands to eternal life and send them up to Zion. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings on thy head. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:66-67]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Kimble Chapman]

Blessing of Jacob Kimble Chapman who was born in Palmyra, Wayne Co. Pa. [New York] March 15th 1803.

Brother, In the name of Jesus Christ the righteous I lay my hands upon thy head according to the authority of the holy priesthood, and the call of God unto me and seal the blessings of a father upon thee, which shall rest upon thee and thy children after thee. and upon thy children's children to the latest generations. Thy posterity shall be numerous and thy joy on this account shall be great. and great grace shall flow unto thee through the covenant which thou hast received. and by which thy blessings shall descend down and reach thy posterity that they may be numbered with the children of Abraham and receive an inheritance with their brethren and enjoy all the privileges of the kingdom on earth.

Thou must live for blessings and thou shalt receive them & thou must do thy duty to thy children and seek to save them from the power of the destroyer, for thou canst not be happy if any of thy posterity is lost, but thy joy would be marred in eternity and not be complete, but I seal the power of the anointing and of the Holy Priesthood upon thee like unto the ancients, that thou mayest have faith like unto them, and inasmuch as thou shalt desire it; thou shalt have power to proclaim the gospel even to the end. so long as there is any to hear. Be faithful and thou shalt tarry till thy Redeemer comes: for thou shalt be changed like unto the three Nephites and translate thyself from place to place, and go where and when you will and be a mighty man in the earth. Thou shalt soon begin to realize, if thou art diligent the glories and powers of the priesthood of God. Thy mind shall be enlarged exceedingly so that thou canst comprehend like Enoch of old, the creations and works of God. for thou shalt be taught of God. Thy tongue shall be loosed so that thou canst speak as with the voice of an Archangel, and all things shall be subject to thy word, for thou shalt be filled with the spirit and power of God even to a degree that cannot be told unto thee at this time.

The heavens are full of blessings for thee which thou must obtain, through faithfulness. Thou shalt save thy children and thy kindred and those that are dear to thee. Ask and thou shalt receive and nothing shall be impossible unto thee. Thou shalt be numbered with the hundred & forty four thousand which shall stand upon Mount Zion having the harps of God. Thou shalt stand to see the Lord come (in the flesh) and rise and meet him and the thousands that thou shalt gather from the nations shall be with thee. and thou shalt rejoice with them in eternity and thy work shall be accepted and thy labors rewarded. These are thy

blessings which I seal for thee in the name of Jesus. and I seal thee up unto eternal life; Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:90-91]

[Patriarchal blessing of Juliza Chapman]

Also the Blessing of Juliza Chapman who was born in Canandaigua Ontario County N.Y. December 25th 1808

Sister, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm blessings in common with thy husband, yet thou canst not always enjoy his company, but thy soul and thy desires shall be in unison with his, & though seas shall separate [separate] between you, you shall receive much joy by the spirit which shall comfort you. if you are afflicted. You shall be comforted, if you are sick, you shall be healed and your children also. and you shall be kept by the prayer of faith from all the power of the destroyer. Thou shalt pray for thy companion when he is distant from thee. and the Lord shall hear thee and answer thy prayer. Thy life shall be precious in his sight for the Lord loves thee.

Thou hast been faithful in keeping the Commandments and thy heart has been honest before thy God, and thou hast sought to do good in his cause, & the Lord shall keep thee and thou shalt live until thou art satisfied with life and desire to depart & thou shalt have thy desire in this thing. Thou wilt see many tribulation. for the wicked will slay the wicked and thousands will perish in thy day by famines, which shall cause thy heart to mourn, and thy soul to be pained, but put thy trust in God & thou shalt be preserved, and tarry as long as it shall be the will of the Lord or for thy Good: Earth & heaven are yours, Time is yours. all is yours. & eternity shall be yours and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

W. A Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:91]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nathan Cheney]

Blessing of Nathan Cheney who was born in Chesterfield, New Hampshire aged 25 years the 16th day of February 1836.

Brother Cheney; In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God and by the authority of the Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy posterity. I pray the Lord to give thee grace and understanding, yea I seal and confirm on thy head the blessing of a father. Thou shalt be blessed with children who shall stand in in the new and everlasting covenant. Thou shalt have power to work mighty miracles Thou art of the seed of Abraham. The Lord has looked upon thee and thy name is written in heaven. Thou mayest be great in the kingdom Thou must preach to the nations of the earth, from one kingdom to another.

Thou shalt have power to stay enemies, to stay & bring to judgement the tongue of Slander, Thou shalt have power to still water and and say to boisterous winds be still and they shall obey them. Be faithful and prepare thy heart and God will enable thee to stand before the authorities of the earth. Thou shalt be worthy to stand among the 144 thousand dressed in white upon Mt. Zion. Thou shalt have powers to bring up treasures of gold hid in the earth 4000 years Thou shalt have gold and silver enough to to pave the streets of the New Jerusalem, if thou exertest thyself having faith in God. Thou shalt stand on the earth 1000 years. Thou shalt have power to preach to the spirits in prison. The Lord will give thee 48 days notice of his coming in the clouds of heaven, I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:80-81]

[Patriarchal blessing of Eliza Ann Cheney]

Also the Blessing of Eliza Ann Cheney born in Cazenovia County of Madison and State of New York aged 21 years in January 1836

In the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed, & I say unto thee, that if thou wilt be baptized and come into the church of the Latter day Saints, thou shalt be blest blest in having children and shall be esteemed a mother in Israel and blest in common with thy husband. If thou obey the gospel with all thy heart thy disease stands rebuked from this hour. the healing power of God shall be on thee art faithful and keep the commandments of thy God, and Savior, The inspiration [inspiration] of the Holy Ghost shall rest on thee, and abide on thee if thou dost persevere unto the end.

O God, the Eternal Father, Let the powers of the world to come rest on this person. I feel there is no forbidding power, thou canst through grace succeed in gaining an inheritance eternal in the heavens. Thou shalt see the salvation of God. Thou shalt be prospered in this world because thou dost desire to go to the Zion of God. Thou shalt stand to see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt be satisfied with the things of time and eternity. I seal these blessings upon thy head. I seal thee up to the eternal world, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:81]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lorena Church]

Blessing of Lorena Church, who was born in Hamilton Madison County N.Y. aged 20 years

Sister, in the name and in the authority of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head of thy posterity. Thou art an orphan child, and I lay a father's hands upon thee. I see that thou hast a great love to God, Thou hast been brought up by tender friends. Thou canst call God thy father, Thou hast obeyed him in thy youth. The Holy Ghost is sealed upon thee. Thy blessing shall be in the midst of the children of the patriarch, Joseph who went down into Egypt. Thou shalt have a companion who shall be an honor & a help to the cause which thou lovest. Thy children shall be blessed of God. Thou shalt be great in the church and a teacher to thy posterity. Thou shalt see the winding up of this wicked and adulterous generation: thou shalt see and know the great things of God. Be faithful & humble and lay hold on the great things of God & his salvation by his son Jesus Christ. even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:54]

[Patriarchal blessing of Moses Clawson]

Blessing of Moses Clawson who was born in Dryden, Tompkins Co. N.Y. aged 34 in Oct. 8th 1835

Brother Clawson: In the name of Jesus Christ, the son of God, I lay my hands on thy head for the spiritual and temporal benefit of thee and thy seed. thy posterity to the latest generations — a father's blessing to abide on thee, on conditions that thou humble thyself before God & keep his commandments. Thou must put off thy diffidence, be a bold Soldier for Jesus Christ and stand up against the mighty. Thou hast power to rend the heavens and call down the blessings of God on thee and on thy fellow creatures. Thou hast been called to the priesthood and if thou claim it. Thou must lay hold of the powers of the world to come and do thy duty. Thou art a son of Abraham through the loins of the patriarch Joseph. If thou humblest thyself before God and call on him by mighty prayer, thou shalt have the ministry of Angels. The heavenly hosts will give thee instruction in the way of duty and righteousness. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself. No power shall hurt thee. If thou art cast into dungeons, they shall not have power to hold thee. Thou shalt have perils, in the sea, upon the land, among enemies, and what shall greatly sorrow thy heart, thou shalt have perils among false brethren, but hold on thy way and angels shall visit thee in secret, Thou must preach the gospel of thy Saviour. Thou shalt baptize many. Thou shalt preach to the Arabs and the Lord shall send Angels to tell thee what to do. Thou shalt see the winding up

scene of this generation portrayed and accomplished. I seal all these blessings upon thy head. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:62]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cormelia Clawson]

Also the Blessing of Cormelia Clawson, born in Salisbury, Herkimer Co. N.Y. aged 32 the 22d of October 1835.

Dear Sister: In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the son of God, I lay my hands on thee and thy posterity and pray God to bear thee up against trouble and adversity. Thou desirest to know God and to serve him in spirit and in truth. Thou desirest the ministry of of Angels. Thou must keep the commandments of thy God, he will give thee wisdom to bring up thy children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord in the absence of thy husband, for he must leave thee to preach the gospel in foreign lands. Thou shalt be a citizen of mount Zion. Thy children shall come around thee and comfort thee when thou art sick, call on God and thou shalt be heard. Thou shalt be a mother in Israel. Thou shalt instruct many and bring souls to God, Thou shalt have long life and be abundantly satisfied with life, with the things of this world and of the things of God. I seal upon thy head these blessings and seal thee up to eternal life. Keep the commandments and rejoice on thy way. Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:62]

[Patriarchal blessing of Zarah S. Cole]

Blessing of Zarah S. Cole born in Middlebury Adison Co. Vt. April 12th 1804

Brother Cole; In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and by the power and authority of the holy priesthood on me conferred, I confer upon thee and thy posterity a father[']s blessing. Thou shalt have power to bless thy children and they shall be blessed. I also seal upon thy head the power of the priesthood, and thou shalt have power to accomplish thy ministry. If thou art faithful thou shalt stand upon the earth to see the coming of the son of man. The blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are thine with all that pertain to the new and everlasting covenant. Thou canst if faithful and thou desirest it, be translated as was Enoch. Thou shalt receive a blessing and an endowment from thy Redeemer. The reflection that thou art one of God's chosen ones shall cheer thy heart in the darkest hours through which thou mayest be called to pass. Put thy trust in thy Redeemer the Holy one of Israel, and these and all blessings are thine both in time and in eternity and I seal them upon thee: even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:77-78]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ann Cole]

Also the Blessing of Ann Cole who was born in Nelson, Madison Co. N.Y. Sept. 12th 1809.

Sister Cole, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, thy Redeemer, I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee according to thy desire. Thou hast had doubt of thy acceptance. but let them now be removed, for thy sins are forgiven and thy name written in the Lamb's book of life. Thou shalt be blessed in common with thy husband, and have power in his absence, if faithful, to preserve thy children from the ruthless hand of the destroyer. Thou shalt be provided for in the absence of thy husband on his missions: for the Lord loves thee, and constantly upholds thee, and he who preserves thee, has said the righteous shall not be forsaken. Thy prayer of faith shall prevail with thy heavenly Father, and all thy desires in righteousness shall be granted. These blessings I seal upon thee even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:78]

**[Patriarchal blessing of John Cooper given by his father
and confirmed by Joseph Smith Sr.]**

Blessing of John Cooper, who was born in Parks, Northampton County, Pennsylvania A.D. 1812

My Son, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee with all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Thou must be faithful, and I prophesy upon thee, Thou shalt be a priest of the most high, and all blessings are thine in the name of Jesus. even so, Amen.

The above confirmed in the following words by J. Smith Senior.

My young Brother, as thou hast obeyed the Lord and thy father hath laid his hands upon thee even so I lay my hands upon thee and confirm the blessings pronounced by thy father for thou shalt have a father[']s blessing. The blessings of the earth are thine and thy childrens to the latest generations. Thy posterity shall be numerous as the stars. Thou shalt be one of the seventies, that shall be chosen to form the number, spoken of by the Redeemer, one hundred & forty four thousand, and thou shalt be a mighty man in the earth, so that the earth shall tremble before thee. at thy word in the name of the Lord. Eternal life is thine, for thou art sealed thereto, and shalt stand on the earth when the Savior comes, for thou shalt live long; these are thy blessings in the name of the Lord; even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:46]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Cooper]

Blessing of Elizabeth Cooper who was born in Elk Run, Columbiana Co. Ohio A.D. 1815

Sister, by request of thy father in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head. I ask God that the angel of his presence may stand by thee: that knowledge may be thine The heavens are full of blessings and my heart also. A father's blessing is thine in common with thy husband. Thou shalt teach thy children truth. Thou shalt teach thy sex. Many shall cast gifts at thy feet because of thy godly walk. Thou art of the seed of Joseph. Seek wisdom and watch over thy ways. Thou shalt have an inheritance with the pure in heart; for thou shalt see God. Long life is thine, if thou desire it. In the absence of thy husband, thou shalt pray for thy children when they are sick, and the Lord shall hear thee and answer thee. All blessings in heaven and on earth are thine. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assint. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:46-47]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Corey]

Blessing of Wm. Corey who was born in Stodard, Cheshire Co. New Hampshire, 1797

Brother Corey, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee and say unto thee that thy lineage is known unto God and thy calling shall be made known by him. I seal a father[']s blessing upon thee and upon thy children to all generations. Satan has sought to destroy thee & marred thy peace by taking thy property from thee; but be of good comfort for the Lord will preserve thee. and thy property shall return to thee ten fold. Thou art of a slow and fearful spirit, but awake, arise, and be energetic and thou shalt see within the vail. and the Lord will make known thy lineage to thee and set thee in thy proper place. Thy friends shall follow thee and many that are dead shall come forth in the first resurrection, for thou mayest go and preach to them the gospel in the prison. The Lord will give unto thee all blessings that thou canst desire in righteousness. Thou shalt go to Zion and perfect health shall be restored to thy family. Angels shall minister to thee and teach thee knowledge. These are thy blessings if faithful, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus: even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:76]

[Patriarchal blessing of Barbara Corey]

Also of Barbara Cory who was born in Fairfield, Herkinur County N.Y. A.D. 1803

Sister Corey: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee, and seal a father['s] blessing upon thee in common with thy companion. Thou shalt inherit the earth and blessings thereof. Thy last days shall be thy best days and thou shalt do much good in the society of thy sex Angels shall minister unto thee and thou shalt live until the Saviour comes, or until thou art satisfied with life. and I seal upon thee all blessings, temporal and spiritual, which thou mayest desire in righteousness. and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus: even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:76]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lemira Corkins]

Blessing of Lemira Corkins who was born in New Milford, Litchfield Co. Connecticut A.D. 1793.

Sister Corkins, In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thee, & seal and confirm a father's blessing upon thee for good. and if thou hast no children thou shalt have, & thy blessing shall reach them to the latest generation. Thou shalt have health & strength, for thou shalt be secure from the destroyer. Thou shalt have a husband that shall be a man of God & thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion: long life also is thine and prosperity shall follow thee. Keep thou the word of wisdom, & satan shall have no power over thee, but thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart which are in righteousness. Thou shalt live until thou shalt say, Lord it is enough, now let thy hand maid depart and rest in the paradise of God, until the morning of the first resurrection. I seal these blessings upon thee, through faithfulness, & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:89]

[Patriarchal blessing of Edwin R. Corkins]

Also the Blessing of Edwin R. Corkins who was born in Aurelius, Cayuga County N.Y. A.D. 1820.

Brother Corkins, in the name of Jesus I lay my hand upon thee, and seal upon thee a father's blessing, as thou hast no father to bless thee. The Lord will be thy father and will teach thee righteousness, therefore thou shalt no more be called an orphan. he also will guide thy childhood and when grown, thou shalt receive the priesthood. Angels shall minister unto thee and thou shalt be instrumental in bringing souls into the kingdom of God. Thou art of the lineage of the priesthood, and the time shall come that the earth shall tremble at thy word. Thou shalt visit other nations and declare the word unto those people. Thou shalt stand on the earth until wickedness is done away, and when the Saviour comes, thou shalt stand with the one hundred & forty four thousand on Mount Zion. Thou shalt hold the keys of this priesthood in time & in eternity. Thou mayest be brought into trouble but the Lord will deliver thee. Thou shalt stand with the Savior in the flesh after he comes & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:89-90]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mariah Crandall]

Blessing of Mariah Crandall born in Thurman Warren County N.Y. aged 23 years October 9th 1835

My young Sister in the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer and by the authority of the Priesthood, which I have received from God, I lay my hands on thy head for the Spiritual and temporal benefit of thee and thy posterity. Inasmuch as thou keepest the commandments of God thou shalt be blessed with long life. Thou shalt be blessed with a companion thou shalt raise up children who shall be strong in the faith of the gospel, one of them shall be filled with the Holy Ghost at 8 years of age and shall speak with tongues and prophecy. They shall be strong men and women in Christ Jesus.

Thou shalt stand on the earth when Jesus comes in the Clouds of heaven. If thou livest up to thy

privileges. Thou shalt have forty days notice of the coming of the Saviour. Thou art called to afflictions and Sorrow, but out of them thou shalt be delivered if thou art faithful. no good thing shall be withheld. Thou shalt have the ministration of angels, shall have power to bring back thy father and he shall be a man of God. The angels of heaven shall support thee in accomplishing thy work I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

N.B. If thy father acknowledge this blessing it shall be considered his, if not it shall be considered mine W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:80]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rhoda Cunningham]

Rhoda Cunningham's Patriarchal Blessing. Rhoda Cunningham was born in the Nine Partners, Columbia County N.Y. January 26th 1762

Sister! In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm upon thee a patriarchal blessing, by the authority of the holy priesthood, and seal a blessing upon thee so that satan shall have no power against thee to overthrow thee, therefore, dismiss thy fears from this hour, and lay hold by faith upon the things which the Lord will give unto thee, and think not of thy former experience, but press forward to need & gather the heavenly manna, fresh every morning noon & evening, be careful to keep all the commandments & be humble, be not exalted nor lifted up because of the things which thou hast received. Put thy trust in the Lord and he will secure thee against the power of satan and give thee a double portion of the holy spirit, and lengthen out thy years to the full and strengthen thy memory and thy mind shall not be weakened by time, nor thy strength fail because of thy many years, for thou shalt live till thou art satisfied with life & desire to depart and be at rest, and thy end shall be peace and thy sleep but short, even as a moment till the Saviour shall come and wake up the slumbering dust, and give it immortality and eternal life in his presence and kingdom forever, when thy joy shall be full, even a fulness of celestial glory, & I now seal thee up unto eternal life never to be lost, or overcome by the enemy, by the authority and in the name of the only begotten of the Father, who is full of grace mercy & truth, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assnt. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:41-42]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Curtis]

Blessing of Jacob Curtis Born in New Salem Mass. aged 56 July 30th 1835

Brother Curtis in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of the eternal God and by the authority of the priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. In the decline of thy life thou shalt have a companion and children who shall be a blessing to thee, and bear thee up in sickness and adversity. Thou art going to Zion. Thy journey though fatiguing shall be prosperous. Thy heart shall be made glad and it shall rejoice in the holy one of Israel. Thou shalt have the priesthood, and receive great peace & joy in believing. Thou shalt be a counsellor at a stake of Zion. Thy strength shall be great; thy age shall be renewed. Power is given thee to do great things. Thou must lay hold on the power of God and his arm shall be thy strength. Thou shalt live to behold with thine eyes, an highway over which the called of God, the righteous shall pass. Thy whole soul must rest in the power of God. Study wisdom. On thy way to Zion, thou must keep the holy sabbath. Thy rest shall be sweet and thy heart shall be strengthened. Be humble, be contrite and Patient and thou shalt see thy Saviour even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. R[ecorder] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:62-63]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jeremiah Curtis]

Blessing of Jeremiah Curtis who was born in New Salem, Hamshire Co. Massachusetts, March 10. 1782

Brother Curtis, I lay my hands on your head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thou art of the seed of Abraham. Thou hast been willing to serve God and keep covenant with him to the best of thy understanding. Thy name is written in heaven, in the Lamb's book of life. Thou art partly of the lineage of Judah. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life. Thou shalt have power to proclaim the gospel to this generation. Thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham, and thy wife and children and children's children down to the latest generation shall share in the same blessing. They shall have an inheritance in the land of Zion. Thou shalt have power to lead thy relation to embrace the truth of the everlasting gospel, and thou shalt live to a good old age and inasmuch as thou art faithful thou shalt bring many souls to God. and thy wife shall live to an old age if she is faithful. Thou and thy family shall be blessed with health and prosperity, on thy journey [journey] to Zion. Thou shalt have the administration of Angels and the blessings of God be on your head.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:76]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Davison]

Blessing of John Davison born January 26th 1805 in Jeffry N. Hampshire

Brother Davison, In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head & confirm upon thee a father[']s blessing. I do confirm upon thee all the blessings of heaven and earth; both temporal and eternal life: and I say unto thee that the destroying angel shall have no power over thee to hurt thee if thou art faithful and keep the word of wisdom Thy tongue shall be loosed, all thy stammering taken away, and thou shalt speak plainly and boldly. All thy bodily infirmities shall be taken away and thou shalt become a new man. Thy mind shall be changed, thy heart greatly enlarged, and thou shalt understand the deep things of God. Thou shalt have great wisdom that thou canst not now conceive of in thy mind. All things that thou desirest in Righteousness shall be granted unto thee. Thou shalt hold thy friends by faith and by thy humble and Godly walk before them, they shall be constrained to believe that thou art a man of God, and thou shalt yet see them in the Celestial kingdom. Thy posterity shall be blessed even to the latest generation. and I say unto thee thy name is written in heaven, never to be blotted out except thou dost desire. for the glory of God. I seal thee up unto eternal life. Thou art of the seed of Israel. partly through the lineage of Judah & partly that of Benjamin. If thou art faithful and desirest it, thou mayest see the Son of God in thy flesh. And I ask my heavenly Father to seal these blessings unto thee in the name of the Lord. even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:69]

[Patriarchal blessing of Betsey Lodema Davison]

Also the Blessing of Betsey Lodema Davison, born in Sangersfield N.Y. March 24 1807

Sister Davison, I lay my hands on thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus, to confirm on thee, all the blessings in common with thy husband, even that of a father[']s blessing. And I say unto thee thou shalt have the dew of heaven, and shalt be sustained with plenty of corn, wine, oil and all the blessings of earth. If thou art faithful all thy diffidence shall be removed, from thee. Thy heart shall be greatly enlarged to see the things of God. Thy mind shall be renewed, the visions of heaven shall be opened unto thee. Thou shalt yet see great things in thy day: thy life shall be precious in the sight of the Lord, and I say unto thee thy name is written in heaven, never to be blotted out. I seal thee up unto eternal life. and if thou shalt wilfully transgress, thou shalt be delivered up to the buffetings of Satan, so thy soul may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. I seal upon thee life, spiritual and life temporal.

Thou shalt see the Son of Righteousness in thy day. and I say unto thee thy children shall be blessed even unto the latest generations. All the desires of thy heart, in righteousness, shall be granted unto thee.

And if thou shouldest sleep a little season, thou shalt come forth in the first resurrection and stand on Mount Zion. and receive a crown of celestial glory in the kingdom of God.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:69-70]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joel Drewry]

Blessing of Joel Drewry who was born in Franklin County Massachusetts A.D. 1797

Brother Drewry, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father's blessing upon thee. and upon thy posterity after thee. to all generations. I also seal the authority of a patriarch upon thee. to bless thy children and by the spirit of prophecy seal them up unto eternal life. Thy children shall be numerous and they shall arise and bless thee. Through faithfulness thou shalt be made whole, even as in the days of thy youth, for an angel of the Lord shall administer unto thee, and shall impose his hands upon thee. and the servants of God also shall impose their hands upon thee for this purpose; for the Lord willeth that thou shalt do much good yet for thy days are many. Thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart, which are in righteousness, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus: Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:87]

[Patriarchal blessing of Thirza Drewry]

Also the blessing of Thirza Drewry who was born in Sheldon, Franklin Co. Mass. A.D. [blank]

Sister Drewry, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thee, and seal a father's blessing upon thee in common with thy husband. I say unto thee be comforted: for the Lord shall appear to relieve thee from affliction. Angels shall comfort thee, and all the desires of thy heart shall be given thee which are in righteousness. Thy husband shall be restored and thy children shall be given thee in righteousness. Thou shalt live until thou art satisfied with life even until thou hast seen the third generation walking uprightly before the Lord. Thou shalt have wisdom to teach them righteousness. Thou shalt live until thou art satisfied with life. and I seal thee up unto eternal life. in the name of Jesus: Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:87]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Washington Dunham]

Blessing of George Washington Dunham, who was born in Hamilton, Madison Co. N.Y. aged 33

Dear brother: in the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer I lay my hands and confer a blessing on thee and on thy posterity who shall be blessed with the blessings of heaven and earth. Thy name and their names shall be written in the Lamb's book of life. Thou shalt see great things in this generation. If thou art faithful to the new and everlasting covenant nothing shall be withheld from thee. The time shall come when Satan shall have no power over thee. Thou shalt have afflictions but out of them all the Lord will deliver thee. Thou must preach the gospel in foreign lands and shalt baptize many in the briny deep. The vision tells me thou shalt have means to convey money to Zion. In due time thou shalt come to Zion with thy sheaves, and rejoice in the Holy Ghost. Thou shalt stand among the one hundred and forty four thousand on Mount Zion in robes of pure white Persevere unto the end and great shall be thy reward, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:52]

[Patriarchal blessing of Betsey Dunham]

Blessing of Betsey Dunham who was born in Cazenovia Madison Co. N.Y. aged. 31

Sister, I lay my hands upon thee in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and I confer the blessings of God upon thee in common with thy husband. Thy heart is tender and thou shalt be gathered with thy husband.

Thou hast sinned and had has some fears that thou art unworthy of a blessing; Throw away thy fears and pursue the path of holiness. At times thou hast desired great things. God[']s Eyes are upon thee. Thou desirest blessings to rest on thy children, give them up to the Lord and thy desires shall be satisfied. Thou shalt be blessed with things of the earth and of heaven, Be faithful unto death and thou shalt receive a crown of life, even so. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:52]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Dunn]

George Dunn was born in Pompey, Onondaga County N Y. February 14th 1812

My young Brother, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee with the blessings of a father, and inasmuch as thou art an orphan child and hast none of thy kindred blood with thee in the new and everlasting covenant: the Lord hath looked upon thee in much mercy, and hath called thee to a high calling, for thou art of the blood of Ephraim and thou art entitled to the high-priest-hood and thou shalt become an horn of Joseph to push the people together to the ends of the earth. Thou shalt be called in the own due time of the Lord. Thou shalt have power to go forth and none shall stay thee: thou shalt not be confounded. God shall raise thee up, thou shalt put thy trust in him and he will visit thee with his holy messengers. and thou shalt see vission [vision] upon vision and thou shalt be strong in the Lord. and thou shalt be the means of saving thy brothers & sisters: for whom thou called then the Lord heard thy cries and shall grant unto thee thy request, for thy desire hath been to win souls to christ and thou shalt have all the spiritual gifts belonging to the holy priesthood and thou shalt stand upon mount Zion with the hundred & forty and four thousand.

And all these blessings thou shalt have if thou wilt live for them. for if thou art faithful the Lord will give thee all the desires of thy heart. Thou shalt have a companion according to thy desires and thou shalt see thy children's children, for thou shalt be fruitful and shalt multiply exceedingly, thou shalt bless thy children and they shall rise up and call thee blessed, and all these blessings thou shalt have if faithful, and I seal them upon thy head, & I ask God to seal them upon thee in the name of Jesus even so. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:55]

[Patriarchal blessing of Simon Dyke]

Blessing of Simon Dyke born in Andover. Allegany Co. NY. Sept. 16 A.D. 1814

Brother Dyke, Thou art but a child and hast not understood all things, but hast known in part and hast obeyed so far as thou hast known. Satan will seek to get thee in his power, that he may sift thee as wheat and turn thee away from the truth. He will try to dazzle thy eyes with the vain things of earth, therefore, thou must be on thy guard or thou wilt fall into traps and snares. but if thou wilt stay self upon the mighty God of Jacob. the Lord will deliver thee and make thee a mighty man, fill thee with knowledge and give thee a part in the ministry, even one of the seventies.

Therefore open thy mouth and begin to declare the things of God and thy duty shall be made known unto thee, in the due time of the Lord. Thou art of the seed of Abraham and art entitled to a father's blessing but hast no father to bless thee, an orphan and no one to teach thee righteousness. but thou hast well done that thou hast come here to receive instruction and be taught by the brethren and sisters in the gospel and be kept from evil. Thou must guard against thy evil propensities and thou shalt be delivered from every fear, and the heavens shall be propitious unto thee. Thou shalt see the glories of the upper world and visions of all things. Thou shalt have a companion and raise children for God, for thy companion shall be a descendant of Joseph also, so that thy children shall be pure Thou shalt stand on the earth till the Re-

deemer comes in the clouds of heaven, rise to meet him in the air, be forever with him, and dwell in the presence of God and the Lamb forever and ever. These blessings shall be secured unto thee if thou art faithful, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:73]

[Patriarchal blessing of Alanson Eldridge]

Blessing of Alanson Eldridge who was born in Salisbury Connecticut aged 55 years.

Brother Eldridge, in the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. I ask God the eternal Father to assist me and give me faith. I say unto thee brother thou must be faithful to thy children, be faithful to the cause of thy Redeemer Thou hast been slow to come into the Church. Thou must stand in the Priesthood; for the Lord thy God hath called thee to preach his gospel, Many souls ere this might have been rejoicing in the covenant of God, if thou hadst been faithful, open thy mouth to all. Thy God will send angels to minister to thee. Thou shalt have power to translate and understand hidden mysteries. Thou shalt have power to bring spirits up out of the prison. Thy children shall be blessed and remembered to the last generations, and thou shalt have joy in thy last days. even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Asst. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:52]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Fielding]

Blessing of Joseph Fielding who was born in Bedfordshire in England the 23d of March 1796 or 1797.

Brother Fielding, In the name of Jesus Christ, the son of the Living God and by the authority of the holy priesthood which God has conferred on me, I lay my hands on thy head. Thou art a descendant of Israel and I empower thee to lay thy hands on the heads of thy posterity to bless them for though thou hast no posterity now, yet God will give thee descendants and thou must stand as a patriarch to bless them. Thy descent has been from Abraham through the loins of Joseph. Thou art entitled to the priesthood, Thou shalt have power, thy posterity shalt become mighty men and women. in the earth: thou shalt have power over the winds and waves and the floods shall obey thee. Thou shalt have power to stand amidst the ungodly generation and prevail over their prejudices. Be faithful and heaven and earth shall be thine. for thou shalt be great on the earth. & be honored by thy fellow man. Thou shalt tarry to see great events fulfilled in this generation Thou mayest live if thou art a man of God to see thy Savior come in the Clouds of heaven at any rate thy sleep if thou dost sleep shall be short and thou shalt be a member of the first resurrection by the authority of the holy priesthood I seal all these blessings upon thee. I seal thee up unto eternal life. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:93]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonathan Fisher]

Blessing of Jonathan Fisher who was born in Alstead New Hampshire April 6 1785

Brother Fisher: In the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer I lay my hands upon thy head and upon the head of thy seed and bestow upon thee a father[']s blessing. In thy future life if thou putttest thy trust in God thy father, thou shalt be blessed, though thou mayest see days of affliction, thou shalt be delivered from them and from the power of the enemy of all righteousness. The chastirements [chastisements] of thy heavenly Father shall work out unto thee an exceeding and eternal weight of glory. If thou with all thy heart desirest to be instrumental in my time, thou shalt have bestowed upon thee the gift of tongues. that thou mayest speak unto men the wonderful works of God in their language. Thou shalt have peace of mind on thy journey to thy friends.

If thou lookest to thy God thou shalt have his special care, his angels shall attend thee in thy waking hours and encamp about thy sleeping hours. Thou shalt receive their ministration, that thy heart may be comforted and thy faith strengthen[e]d. Thou shalt have success on thy journey and shalt find thy family in peace & health: they shall be given to thee in the new and everlasting covenant. When thou putteth thy worldly concerns in order, thou shalt go up to the land of Zion, and have an inheritance there Thou shalt preach to the Indians in their tongue. If thou humblest thyself before God thou shalt have power to translate thyself from one land to another, Thou shalt be great in the Earth, and shalt see the winding up scenes of this generation, Thou shalt have power over diseases. also, & in the name of Jesus I seal these blessings upon thee. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:59]

[Patriarchal blessing of Almera Foote]

Blessing of Almera Foot, born in Dryden Tompkins County N.Y. Feb. 25th 1807

Sister: In the name of the Lord, the great Redeemer, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed by the authority of the priesthood. Thou shalt be blessed in thy posterity though thou shalt shortly see thy companion. Thou shalt have sorrow of heart, yet if thou trustest in thy maker, thou shalt be delivered. No blessing to enjoyed on earth will be too great for thee. Trouble not thyself if sickness make thy frame, use the means which God and nature have put into thy hands: Thy life shall be prolonged threescore & fifteen years yea longer, if thy faith hold out. Thy children shall be prophets and Prophetesses of the Lord thy God. This blessing is given in the name of thy Father. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:65]

[Patriarchal blessing of David Foote]

David Foot was born in Harrington, Litchfield Co. Connecticut, 1769

Brother Foot, In the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head, and I seal blessings upon thee in the name of the Lord, in the same order that Abraham received his. Thou shalt stand a patriarch to bless thy family but not in unbelief. Thy wife shall be brought to humble herself and come into the church. Be faithful and thy friends shall acknowledge they have misused thee and spoken hard things concerning the things of God. Thou art not called to go to foreign countries, but thou shalt be a counsellor and judge in Zion, and set in the grand council when the Ancient of days shall sit. and thine eyes shall see old father Adam. Thou shalt receive strength; thy days shall yet be many, and thou shalt do much good. Thou shalt come up as a saviour, for many shall ask thee to be their savior, and through faithfulness thou shalt have these and other blessings, and shall be sealed up unto eternal life, and I ask God to seal it in the name of Jesus, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery assnt Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:45]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elijah Fordham]

Blessing of Elijah Fordham, who was born in the City of New York March 12th A.D. 1798

Brother Fordham in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head according to the power of the High priest-hood, and ask God to give me words to say unto thee. Seek not to bind thyself as yet; for thou shalt have a companion by and by like unto Rebecca of old. Seek to take care of thy children; for if thou art faithful the Lord will grant unto thee power to overcome, and to magnify his name, before this generation. Thou art a son of Zion and art entitled to the high priest-hood, for thou art of the seed of Israel of the blood of Joseph. Be faithful and thou shalt have power, and thou shalt be one of the second seventy.

Thy name is written in heaven among the sanctified ones. Thou art one of the Lord[']s servants to preach the gospel. Thou shalt visit a nation thou hast not heard of, and gather souls to Zion. Thou shalt comfort the hearts of the widow and the orphan and shall bring many of them to the land of Zion. Thou hast offered thy life for Zion and the Lord has given thee thy life. Thou shalt have the desire of thy heart, whether to sleep in the dust, be translated, or tarry till the Savior comes. Thou shalt power to gaze into the heavens. Thy heart shall expand and understand the mysteries of heavenly things. Thy memory shall be strengthened and have power to declare the things of God. Thou shalt call thy children and bless them. These blessings with a multitude of others, if thou art faithful. I seal upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:87]

[Patriarchal blessing of Salmon Gee]

Blessing of Salmon Gee born Oct. 16th A.D. 1792 in Lyme, New London County Ct.

Brother Gee, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of the Lord Jesus and bless you even with a father's blessing and I say unto you. that if you will repent of all evil, and call upon the Lord mightily, the visions of your mind shall be opened and you shall go forth & proclaim the gospel of peace to the wise and the learned, as you have a gift and have many times felt it to be your duty. And now if you will humble yourself before the Lord and strip yourself of all hardness toward your fellow man, you shall become meek and lowly even like your Savior; You shall be numbered with Abraham and all his spiritual seed, and you shall bring many souls into the fold of Christ, and you shall be filled with the goodness of the Lord and the blessings of heaven, even as many as you in righteousness can ask, and in the end you shall be received into the Celestial kingdom of God. In the name of the Lord I seal all these blessings upon your head and upon the head of your children and your children's children, even so Amen, [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:72]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Gee]

Also Blessing of Sarah Gee born in Sandersfield, Berkshire C. Mss. Jany. 24th 1795

Sister Gee, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and say unto you that you shall receive a patriarchal blessing in common with thy husband & if you will keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments of the Lord, you shall be greatly blessed and shall see the Lord face to face while you remain in the flesh If you live humble you shall be called a mother in Israel, be a comfort to your husband and a pattern to your sex and you shall be saved in the celestial kingdom of your Saviour, Even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:72]

[Patriarchal blessing of Allen Gray]

Blessing of Allen Gray who was born in the county of Yorkshire England April 17th 1803 as pronounced by Joseph Smith Senior.

Brother Gray, In the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer and by the Authority of the holy priesthood I lay my hands on thy head & pronounce upon thee a father[']s blessing, for thou art an orphan and not having a father in the church to bless thee, Thou shalt have power to become a man of God if thou dost press thy way towards the mark of the prize. Thou hast been baptized into the church of thy Savior. God is near thee and not afar off. he is within thy moving. Thou shalt have the blessing of Abraham & Isaac. Thou art of the seed of Abraham through the loins of Ephraim. Thou must open thy mouth to God and he will grant thee his blessings. Thy seed shall remain on the earth. Thou art entitled to the priesthood and hast Authority to bless thy children; and if thou art faithful to [illegible] blessings shall descend upon their heads.

I seal thee on thy forehead that the destroying angel may not have power over thee. If thou art faithful thou shalt be blessed with long life and the good things of this world and have eternal life in the world to come. Thou hast a great duty to do and thou must do it. Thou must yet pass through much tribulation yet God shall be thy help. Thou shalt have power over winds and storms and floods. Thou shalt live many days and be blessed. Thou mayest tarry to see thy Savior. I seal all the blessings of Abraham & Isaac on thy head. By the Authority of the priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen,

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:94]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nehemiah Harmon]

Blessing of Nehemiah Harmon who was born in Rupert Vermont December 10th 1781

Brother Harmon, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thee and if it should be wisdom in God I ask my heavenly Father to give thee faith, that thou mayest be restored to the use of thy limbs. I seal thee up unto eternal life that Satan shall have no power over thee. Thy sight shall also return for thou hast desired these things in righteousness. The Lord shall keep thee and thou shalt be healed of all thy infirmities, inasmuch as thou shalt sufficiently humble thyself and obey the word of God. And I seal upon thee a father's blessing. and they are for thee and for thy children after thee, even to all generations These blessings I ask my heavenly Father to seal upon thee. even so, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:74]

[Patriarchal blessing of Orrilla Harmon]

Also the blessing of Orrilla Harmon who was born April 23d A.D. 1791 in Rupert Vt.

Sister Harmon, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee a Father['s] blessing in common with thy husband for thou hast been his companion in many afflictions yet the Lord has sustained thee because of the things which he has for thee In days to come. Thou shalt be blessed in thy family and friends: Thy life is secured unto thee, for it is bound in the bundle of life & thy name is written in the Lamb['s] book of life for angels to look upon. Many great blessings are thine, for by and by, for by and by the Lord will send his angels to minister to thee, and teach thee righteousness. and according to my mission I seal thee up unto eternal life, asking my heavenly Father to seal these blessings upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Recording Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:74]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sophronia Hinkly]

Blessing of Sophronia Hinkly who was born in Hiram, Portage County Ohio, Oct. 13th 1816

Sister, be strong in the Lord and rejoice for the heavens are full of blessings. I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus and seal a blessing for thee, for thou art an orphan thy father was opposed to the truth and did not come into the kingdom, and is now gone from the earth, and thou art at liberty to follow the Lord and go up to the Zion of God The Lord shall bless thee with many blessings, strengthen, keep thee, comfort thee and enable thee to go to Zion. Thou shalt have a companion who shall be a man of God, a holy man, a preacher of righteousness, who shall stand by thee in affliction and comfort thy heart and partake with thee in all thy joys and comfort thee in thee in the hours of trouble

Thou art blest because thou hast obeyed the gospel and come into the new and everlasting covenant in thy youth: If faithful, thou shalt rejoice many years on earth, live to see the winding up scene, raise up children for God, which shall be a glory and an honor to thee in eternity, and thou shalt rejoice in them for-

ever: the Lord is thy Redeemer and he shall keep thee in the covenant of Abraham. Thou art of the blood and lineage of Abraham, and shall have all the blessings of Abraham and receive an inheritance with them in Zion see Zion built up a holy city, judgements fall upon the ungodly & thou shalt weep over their calamities; but because thy trust shall be in God, he shall comfort thy heart, & when thy Redeemer comes in the clouds of heaven thou shalt rise and meet him in the air. This is thy blessing which I seal for thee in thee in the name of Jesus and I seal thee up to eternal life, even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:49]

[Patriarchal blessing of Susannah Hinkly]

Blessing of Susannah Hinkly who was born in Willington, Tolland Co. Ct. January 3d A.D. 1782

Sister Hinkly let thy heart rejoice. Thy days of mourning will soon be over and days of rejoicing come. Thou art a daughter of Abraham, & I seal the blessings of Abraham for thee. Thou shalt forget thy sorrows and be filled with joy. Thou hast seen much tribulation. Thy companion hath opposed thee, but thy son shall be brought to a knowledge of the truth for he is of the seed of Abraham and a child of the covenant, beloved also of the Lord. He shall receive an inheritance with the seed of Abraham in Zion, thy heart shall overflow with joy and thy mind shall expand wide and thou shalt overcome Satan. Thou shalt escape the destroyer, be free from sickness and pain, live till thou art satisfied with life, enjoy much good on earth even temporal blessings, even all that thy heart can desire, in righteousness. The Lord loves thee because of thy humility & patience, has had his eye upon thee from the beginning & has desired to turn thy sorrows into joy: he will give thee all thy children and none of them shall be lost. God shall answer all thy prayers in their behalf and then thou shalt have no cause to mourn. These, thy blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus, even so, Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder, [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:50]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Holmes]

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced on the head of Hannah Holmes Born in Strafford Orange Co. Vt. Oct 28 1795 By Joseph Smith Sen. in Freedom Cattaraugus Co. N.Y. in the year of our Lord 1836:

Sister in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head as a father and place the Seal of God upon the[e], to Shield the[e] from the destroyer, that no power Shall harm the[e], and thou Should by thy faithfulness, yet bring in many, yea thy Children Shall be given the[e], and thy husband Shall gather with the[e] to Zion, with the Saints and he Shall cry for Salvation, thy Children Shall be blessed and I pray again for thy husband and the place where thou dwellest Shall be blessed and many Shall believe the gospel, thou Shalt have an inheritance in Zion and I seal the[e] up to eternal life even So Amen

George. W. Robinson Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:129]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha C. Hubbard]

Blessing of Elisha C. Hubbard who was born in Rochester, Windsor Co. Vt. February 21st AD. 1816

Brother Hubbard inasmuch as thou art an orphan child I lay my hands upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus. Thou art a son of Abraham of the blood of Israel & thou art entitled to the priesthood and if thou wilt be faithful thou shalt yet be chosen among the quorums of one of the seventies that will be yet called. My heart cries bless, and I will bless thee for I know that the heavens are propitious because of thy determ[i]nation to serve thy Lord and Master Above thyself and thou shalt be exalted and the Lord will raise the[e] up, and if thou art faithful thou shalt be caught up as Paul was to the third heavens and thy soul shall

be wrapped up in eternal love and in the visions of the Almighty and if thou receivest the priesthood thou shalt do many mighty works. By thy faith thou shalt quench devouring flames. Thou shalt divide waters hither and thither and thou shalt cause the earth to tremble at thy word, through thy mighty faith, and like Enoch of old thou shalt not sleep in the dust, But thou shalt rise up in the chariots of fire and shall come up to the city of Enoch and behold the glories thereof. Thou shalt live long and shalt rejoice with thy children & thy children's children. And I ask my heavenly Father to seal these blessings upon thee, and I seal them upon thine head in the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:51]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyrus Orvis Isham]

Blessing of Cyrus Orvis Isham, aged 14 years born in Madison Geauga Co. Ohio

Brother, In the name of Jesus the Holy Redeemer of all Mankind, I lay my hands on thy head in company with thy father, being mouth to him and say unto thee. Though thou hast obeyed the gospel of the Saviour in thy youth, yet under God thy heavenly Father thou must receive instructions from thy earthly parents. Set thy heart on God thy Father and the angels of heaven shall teach thee in knowledge & righteousness, things present and things to come. Seek ardently to know God and thou shalt have the priesthood. when thy heavenly Father shall own thee and compass thee about on every side, thine arm shall be strengthened and thou shalt be delivered. like sampson thou shalt have power to slay thy thousands, Thy young companions shall unite with thee. Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:65]

[Patriarchal blessing of Caroline Eliza Isham]

Blessing of Caroline Eliza Isham, aged 22 years born in the town and Co. of Onondaga N.Y.

Sister. in the name of Jesus Christ in company with thy father I lay my hands on thy head May God in his goodness and mercy give thee long life. May thy days be prosperous and thy peace be abundant. May the Lord, having respect to his cause give thee in his own due time a wise companion, holy and happy children. Thou shalt have power over disease, power over the enemy; power over corruption and power over the diseases of thy body, if thou wilt be humble and contrite before God Thou shalt have great understanding and strength, and rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:65]

[Patriarchal blessing of Charlotte Orvilla Isham]

Also Blessing of Charlotte Orvilla Isham. aged 26 years born in the town & county of Onondaga N.Y.

Dear Sister, In the name of Jesus I lay my hands on thy head in company with thy father and am mouth for him. Inasmuch as thou hast had much light. Thou shalt have much to answer for at the bar of God. Thy health has been poor, but thy disease stands rebuked Thou and thy future companion shall walk in love, in unity of the spirit in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life. and thy children shall call thee blessed. If thou art humble and contrite, thou shalt overcome the weakness of thy nature and see as thou art seen and know as thou art known. Thou shalt have power given thee to translate records and find out hidden mysteries. Thou shalt have great power with God if thou dost desire it, even so amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:65]

[Patriarchal blessing of Daniel S. Jackson]

Blessing of Daniel S. Jackson, who was born in Butternut Otsego Co. N.Y. Decr. 14th 1814

Brother, thou needest to be strengthened for thou art in thy youth & I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus and ask God to give thee the fulness of the holy Spirit, keep & guard thee from this time from all evil. Satan wilt seek to destroy but thou must be humble & pray always that thou mayest be delivered from his power & God shall prepare thee to do a great work in the earth and he will consecrate thee to himself. He hath watched over thee from the beginning and looked on thee in eternity & written thy name in the lamb[']s Book of life. The angels rejoice over thee & the Lord shall do a great work for thee, loose thy tongue, open thine eyes, show thee all things, even deep things of God. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer, & hidden things of heaven & earth. Things which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard. Thou shalt be able to comprehend all things. Thou shalt have power to win many souls.

Thou shalt travel in foreign lands and upon the Islands of the sea. When in trouble, thou shalt speak and the Lord will deliver thee. Those whom thou shalt bless, the Lord shall bless & those whom thou shalt curse, the Lord shall curse. Thou shalt see thy word fulfilled upon thy enemies & know that the Lord hath heard thee, live to see the end of this generation, have a companion raise up children, even a numerous seed. teach them the things of God and they shall be a glory to thee in the kingdom of God. Thou shalt be permitted, if thou desire to depart and rest a little season.

If thou askest it will be given, if thou seek, thou wilt find & be made equal in all things to thy brethren, stand with the hundred and forty four thousand before the throne and sing the song of Moses & the Lamb, receive a crown of celestial glory minister to other worlds, go from planet to planet & from world to world, minister to the spirits in prison, save thy thousands in this world and that which is to come. Great are thy blessings. let thy faith be great, faithfulness also, and the Lord shall keep thee in all thy ways. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and these blessings are sealed for thee in the heavens, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Amen.

W. A. Cowdery [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:85-86]

[Patriarchal blessing of Marietta Jacobs]

Blessing of Marietta Jacobs, born in the town and county of Niagara the 11th of Feb. 1821

Dear Sister, Thou art young and in the slippery path of youth. Satan may desire to have thee that he may sift thee as wheat. Thou hast been blessed and hast come into the covenant by the power of the spirit. Thy sins are forgiven thee, go and sin no more. Thou art pure in heart and sincere in mind. I lay my hands on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and by the priesthood. that thy seed may have an inheritance in the land of Zion. that thy seed may see their names written in a book. Thou and thy posterity are blessed of God. Thou shalt see many days and be satisfied with the things of time and eternity. If thou keepest a pure heart and clean hands, thy brothers and thy sisters in Christ and thy children shall honor thee. Thou and thy husband shall be of one mind and one heart and walk together in Zion. Thy children shall be many and among them shall stand prophets and prophetesses. Thou shalt see the temple of thy God standing on Mount Zion. and a cloud resting upon it. Thou shalt be a teacher to the Lamanites in whose whitening countenances shall be seen the bright trans of love and gratitude. Be humble, faithful & contrite. I bestow on thee a father[']s blessing. I seal thee up unto eternal life. amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:71]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth A. Jacobs]

Blessing of Elizabeth A. Jacobs who was born in Niagara, Niagara Co. NY A.D 1819.

Sister Jacobs, In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thee and seal and confirm a father[']s blessing upon thee that has been pronounced by thy father. The heavens are full of blessings for thee. Thy name is

written in the lamb[']s book of life & thou shalt have power to overcome the enemy of thy soul. & I ask my heavenly father to keep thee from the power of the destroyer: also to give thee a companion that is like thyself and thy posterity shall arise & be blessed of the Lord for they shall be prophets & prophetesses. I seal these blessings upon thee, and upon thy posterity to all generations, if thou art faithful, & thou and thy husband shall stand together on Mount Zion when the Savior comes, and shall rejoice with one accord. I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:90]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hiram Kellogg]

Blessing of Hiram Kellogg who was born in Winchester, Lichfield Co. Ct. aged 43

Brother Kellogg, in the name of Jesus Christ the Mediator of the new an everlasting covenant I lay my hands on thee and on the head of thy seed. O! God the eternal Father grant unto this person on whom I lay my hands, forgiveness of sins. Arouse him from his sloth and inspire him with love and gratitude, let him feel the spirit of the Lord. My Brother, thou hast come into the covenant and art entitled to the priesthood if thou wilt claim it. There are great blessings in store for thee. Thou shalt have authority to stand in thy family as a patriarch. The Lord will bless thee in thy outgoings. When thou risest up and when thou settest down. Thou shalt make a great man in the world; thou shalt preach to this generation if thou desirest it. for thou art of the lineage of the priesthood — Commune with thy wife, speak to her of heavenly things. She and thy children shall be blessed. Thou shalt have many trials and afflictions, but out of all of them the Lord will deliver thee, if thou putteth thy trust in him. Thou shalt stand on mount Zion and shalt have many souls given to thee as thy hire, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:53]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ezekiel Kellogg]

Blessing of Ezekiel Kellogg who was born January 27th 1798 in Johnstown N.Y.

Brother Kellogg; In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee to to confirm upon thy head the blessings of a father, for thou art entitled to the blessing of Abraham as he received it from under the hand of Melchisedeck and I seal these for thee and for thy children, inasmuch as thou wilt train them up in righteousness. The power of the Holy Priesthood shall be with thy children to all generations. Thou shalt open thy mouth, thy tongue shall be loosed to proclaim the gospel in its fulness. Thou hast many trials to pass through but if faithful, the Lord, thy Redeemer, will safely deliver thee. I seal upon thee the blessing which thou hast desired. Thou hath been anxious about thy friends: They shall come into the new and everlasting covenant. Thou shalt stand on Mount Zion with thy family and when the Lord shall come in the morning of the first resurrection, thou shalt awake from the sleeping dust & rise to meet him in the air. These blessings I seal upon thee, asking my heavenly Father to seal thee up unto eternal life Amen, [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:82]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lomira Kellogg]

Also the blessing of Lomira Kellogg who was born May 5th 1800 in Palmyra New York.

Sister Kellogg, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee, asking my heavenly Father to seal all the blessings of heaven upon thee. Because the Lord loves thee, he grants thee the blessings of the covenant of Abraham. The Lord will give thee life, yea, even long life, for thou shalt be satisfied therewith and then be received up into paradise of God, where thou shalt see thy sister and rejoice in her company. Thou hast had desires for thy friends which shall be granted, for they shall rejoice in the

covenant of God. These blessings I seal upon thee, asking my heavenly Father to seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:82]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lydia Knight]

Blessing of Lydia Knight who was born in Sutton, Worcester Co. Mass. June 9th 1812

Sister Knight, In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and ask my heavenly father to give me wisdom and power to pronounce such things as shall be according to the mind of the holy Spirit, and I also ask God to prepare to receive blessings, and pour them into thy soul even a fulness, and to give thee wisdom to abide all things that shall come upon thee and bless thee in thy outgoings and in thy incomings. I seal a father's blessing for thee & for thy posterity, for thou shalt be a mother of many children, and thou shalt teach them righteousness and have power to keep them from the power of the destroyer; and thy heart shall not be pained because of the loss of thy children; for the Lord shall watch over them and keep them and they shall be raised up for glory, be an ornament in the church.

Thou has been afflicted much in thy past days and thy heart has been pained many tears have fallen from thine eyes, and thou hast wept much, but thou shalt be comforted for thy sorrows are over. The Lord loves thee and has given thee a kind and loving companion for thy comfort and your souls shall be knit together and nothing shall be able to dissolve them: neither distress nor death shall separate you, you shall be preserved in life, go safely and speedily to Zion, have a good passage receive an inheritance in Jackson Co. within one year, see thy friends in Zion, thy brothers and sisters and rejoice with them, and shall see the glory of God. Angels shall visit thee and thy heart shall be comforted, Thou shalt receive all thy hearts desire. Thy soul shall be enlarged & thy mind expanded and thou shalt stand to see Israel gathered from their dispersions.

Thou shalt live to see the ten tribes come from the land of the North. the heavens rend and the son of man come in the clouds of heaven with all the glory of his father, and thou shalt rise and meet him and reign with him a thousand years, and thy offspring with thee. Great are thy blessings. I confirm blessings for thee in common with thy husband. blessings of the earth, and all things which thou needest for thy comfort, and thou shalt relieve the wants of the oppressed & minister unto the needy. All needed blessings I seal for thee, & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:50]

[Patriarchal blessing of Asahel A. Lathrop]

Blessing of Asahel A. Lathrop who was born in Tolland, Tolland Conuty, Connecticut Decr 25th 1810.

Brother, thou art but a youth, my heart feels for thee, I lay my hands upon thee in the name of Jesus, who is the great captain of your Salvation, and pronounce a father's blessing upon thee, which rest upon thee while the earth shall stand in wickedness, and upon thy posterity also, if faithful before God. Thou shalt have joy with thy children in heaven and when Adam presents his family to God through Jesus Christ. then thou shalt present present thine also, with a glory that thou canst not now conceive of. Thou must pass through trials and see many afflictions. Satan will seek to destroy thee and turn thy feet from the path of righteousness, and he will contend with thee as he did with Moses & when thou shalt call upon thy God to deliver from his power; an angel of the Lord shall rescue thee from his grasp, and guard thee so that thou canst be able to fill thy mission, and do the work to which thou art called and minister to thee in thy affliction. He shall bring thee food when thou art hungry. lead thee to a land of plenty when thou art famishing with hunger, keep thee in all the ways, preserve thy life to the end of the earth.

Thou art of the seed of Ephraim and shall stand with the hundred and forty four thousand on Mount Zion. Thou shalt be equal to thy brethren in all things Thou shalt retain the vigor of youth until thy old age. & when thy hair[s] are white with age thou shalt be strong in Body and mind. Thou shalt know the ways of the Lord perfectly & his will concerning thee. thou shalt be filled with wisdom and able to confound all opposers, and put to silence [silence] the wise & crafty of this world. Kings shall shut their Mouths and be astonished at the wisdom and power of thy word & many shall marvel, because of thy wisdom & power & say of a truth God is with him. These are thy blessings, and if thou wilt for them, thou shalt receive them, even all. for I seal them for thee in the name of Jesus, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:88-89]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cynthia Lathrop]

Also the blessing of Cynthia Lathrop who was born in Oxford Chenango Co. N.Y. A.D. 1813.

Sister Lathrop; in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thee and seal a father's blessing in common with thy husband. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and thy name is written in heaven. Angels rejoice over thee, and the Lord shall seal thee his. Thou must be diligent in seeking to know thy duty of the Lord and of thy husband. Many of thy friends shall rejoice with thee in Zion. Thou shalt see the Savior and have all the desires of thy heart which are in righteousness. Thou shalt be blessed in thy posterity, and shalt see the third & fourth generations. Nothing shall befall thee to obstruct thy journey to the West, & thou shalt have houses and lands and all things which shall be for thy comfort in time and eternity. Thy life shall be given thee and thou shalt behold the Savior come in the clouds of heaven. & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:89]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Lawson]

Blessing of John Lawson born in Argyle, Washington County N.Y. in the year 1805

Brother Lawson, In the name of Jesus Christ thy Redeemer, I lay my hands upon thy head for I perceive thou dost reverence that holy name. therefore I seal a father's blessing upon thee and upon thy seed to all generations, for thou shalt confer this blessing upon thy children, and so it shall descend from father to son. Thy wife shall come into the fold of God and be a help to thee in teaching thy children, righteousness, and thou shalt yet stand at the head of thy family as a man of God. The angels rejoice over thee and soon shall minister unto thee. Thy friends and also thy wife's friends, shall many of them be brought into the kingdom of God through the power of thy word. Thou shalt stand until the Saviour shall come and do much good. Thou shalt have great riches, houses, lands, men-servants and maid-servants, &c. These are thy blessings if faithful, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:70]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nathan Lewis]

Blessing of Nathan Lewis who was born in Stanford, Delaware County N. York 1803.

Brother Lewis, in the name of Jesus, I lay my hands upon thee and seal a father's blessing upon thee and upon thy children to all generations. I ask the Lord to pour out his spirit and seal instruction and wisdom upon thee. Keep the commandments, walk in meekness and thou shalt yet have power to speak to thy friends, the things of God. I say if thou art faithful the Lord will prosper thee on thy journey and thou shalt arrive safe in Zion. Thy wife shall be given thee, thou shalt have an inheritance. The Lord shall speak to thee and angels shall minister unto thee. Thou shalt stand in the flesh when the Savior comes and shall not

die and I ask God to seal these things in heaven as they are sealed upon thee if faithful. And I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:86]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jemima Lewis]

Also the blessing of Jemima Lewis who was born in Southhold U. Canada 1811

Sister Lewis, In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands upon thee and ask my heavenly Father to have mercy on thee. and a father's blessing shall rest upon thee, if thou wilt obey the gospel in common with thy husband and it shall reach thy posterity to the latest generation. Thou shalt ask and obtain mercy for thy children when they are sick. Thou mayest claim thy 70 years and if faithful obtain it. The Lord shall bless and comfort thee when thou art afflicted and when thou art satisfied with life, will send some kind messenger to waft thy spirit home to rest in the paradise of God. In the name of Jesus I seal thee up unto eternal life. Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:86-87]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cornelius P. Lott]

Blessing of Cornelius P. Lott who was born in the City of New York A.D. 1798

Brother Lott, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head. I ask my heavenly father to show thee the corruption of thy heart, of the world, and of the branch of the church where thou dost reside. Thou shalt have power to defend the cause of and nothing shall stay thee. Thou shalt see the Savior if faithful, and angels shall minister unto thee. And I seal upon thee the father's blessing, even long life and eternal life, Thou shalt receive the blessings of the Priesthood in all its fullness, also thou shalt bless thy family and teach them righteousness. Thou shalt stand when the heavens shall rend and thou shalt have the riches of the earth and of eternity. This for thee and for thy posterity to all generations. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life, even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:48]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Lytle]

Blessing of John Lytle born in Northumberland County Penn. aged 32 years August 18th 1835

Brother Lytle. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Mediator of the new and everlasting covenant I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed. Thy blessing shall be a continuation of the blessing given to Abraham. Thou art of the blood of Jared. Thou hast been brought into the covenant by the power of Israel. If thou humblest thyself before thy heavenly Father thou shalt be a priest after the order of Melchisedec. If thou dost receive the priesthood thou shalt have power over the enemy. Thou shalt do the work of God and his work shall prosper in thy hands. Thou shalt rebuke diseases and they shall stand rebuked. Put thy trust in God, thy Father and not only the things of this life shall be thine but the things of the eternal world. Thou shalt stand on the ends of the earth & proclaim the way of life to their inhabitants through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Thou shalt have power and authority to preach, to the Lamanites, the gospel of thy Saviour in its power & verity. Thou shalt if thou art humble and contrite have conferred upon thee, the gift of tongues so that thou mayest speak to the aboriginal inhabitants of this continent, the wonderful works of God in their own tongue by the power of the Holy Ghost. Thy wife whom thou lovest shall stand in the covenant with thee, and rejoice in the God of her salvation. Thy children shall be the reward of thy prayers & toil, Thou shalt stand a priest to them and administer to their spiritual wants. If thou art faithful and keep the commandments of thy God all thy kindred shall be given thee in the new covenant [covenant] in which thou

standest. Ask of God & he will heal. Spread thy wants before him and they shall be supplied. Be diligent and discreet and thou shalt prosper in thy way. even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:63-64]

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel McBride]

Also the Blessing of Samuel Mc Bride born in Stillwater, Saratoga County N.Y. August 25th 1787

Brother; In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Redeemer of mankind, I lay my hands on thy head that thy posterity may see thy name and blessing written in a book of record I pray the Lord to strengthen thee that thou mayest come up to thy privileges, lay hold of the terms of eternal life and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Thou art called to the Priesthood. Thou art of the lineage of Abraham. Thou must preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ Thy field of labor shall be South America. Thou must go to the Lamanites Thou must preach to them in their languages which thou shalt have by the power of the Spirit, the wonderful works of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thou must preach to Roman Catholicks [Catholics] and if they seek to destroy thee, they shall not succeed. Thou hast a great work to do Thou must stand in the defense of the fullness of the Gospel. Thou art called to endure afflictions, thou shalt be in perils by land and by water, and among false brethren. The seas and winds shall obey thee. Thou shalt teach children to be baptized when 8 years old. thou must stand before thy family, thy children shall be blessed from one generation to another. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself from place to place. If thou art humble and contrite, thy years shall be greatly lengthened, and thou shalt stand on the earth when Jesus Christ comes in the clouds of heaven. Thou shalt be a priest of God one thousand years. Thy posterity will be on thy side in time and in eternity I seal all these blessings on thy head. even so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:78-79]

[Patriarchal blessing of John McBride]

Also the Blessing of John Mc Bride who was born in Stillwater Saratoga Co NY January 5th 1788.

O God the eternal Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I ask thee to behold this thy servant on whom I lay my hands. Thou seest he has passed the middle age of life, that he has been and is now the particular object of thy care. Grant him, O Lord that repentance which shall fit him to be baptized for the remission of his sins. to be baptized as it were in the waters of Jordan. Let his mortal frame be invigorated with the health and strength of thirty five years. let the vigor of youth be upon him.

Brother, by the authority of the Priesthood I lay my hand on thy head. and I say unto thee that thou hast a right to the Priesthood, for thou art of the lineage of the Patriarch Abraham. Thou must throw off thy diffidence, put on the boldness of God and lay claim to the Priesthood. Thou shalt hear the voice of God and say as Paul did who art thou Lord. If thou livest by faith on the son of God, thou shalt behold St. John at the head of the ten tribes. Thou shalt have a companion and children, who shall bless thee as friend and father. Thou art an orphan and I give thee a father's blessing and by the authority of God I seal these blessings on thy head. Amen & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:79]

[Patriarchal blessing of Minerva McBride]

Also the Blessing of Minerva Mc Bride who was born in Turner, Lewis Co. N.Y. aged 27 years in January 1835.

In the name of Jesus the Son of the living God, and by the authority of the Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head and confer on thee a father's blessing. Thou art an orphan. If thou art faithful great blessings await in time and in eternity In this generation thou shalt see the Temple stand in which Jesus shall

come Thou shalt see the glory of God and be abundantly satisfied with things both temporal Thou shalt see the Lord of glory who shall smile upon thee. Thou art a daughter of Abraham and shalt see the great things that shall take place in this generation Thou shalt see the gathering of the Saints of God upon Mt. Zion & Jerusalem and find deliverance. the destruction of the wicked, the descent of Jesus Christ and the Consummation of all things up to that time. While in the flesh, thou shalt have the things of the world, have men-servants & maid servants. These blessings are made on conditions of faith and obedience. Be faithful and all is yours. I seal thee up to eternal life. amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:79]

[Patriarchal blessing of Reuben McBride]

Also the Blessing of Reuben Mc Bride who was born in Chester, NY. the 16th of June 1803.

Brother, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth I confer on thy head a blessing, by the authority of the priesthood likewise on the head of thy seed, who shall see thy name and blessing recorded in a book. I perceive that thou art of an honest heart before God, for thou seekest his counsel. Thou hast been up to the land of Zion. The Lord thy God has accepted thee. Thou must make a like surrender of thy whole life into his hands. He has called laborers into his vineyard in these last days. The Lord will keep thee humble if thou puttest thy trust in him. yet the Lord will lift thee up like Nephi to the top of the Mountain & lay his commands upon thee, Thou must obey. Thy blessing does not come behind any. Thou shalt preach to the inhabitants of the Islands of the sea, and to the nations of the earth By the power of God thou shalt preach to the nations the wonderful things of God and the Gospel of his Son. No arm stretched out against thee shall prosper, no tongue speaking lies against thee shall succeed. Thy life if thou puttest thy confidence in God, shall be spared to behold the consummation of all things up to the coming of Jesus Christ Thou must be a preacher to this generation, and hereafter to the spirits shut up in prison When thou art hungry, call on God, who will give thee bread & water. Thou shalt stand among the 144 thousand that John saw standing on Mt. Zion. even so Amen & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:79-80]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ann McBride]

Blessing of Mary Ann McBride, who was born in Stafford Genesee Co. N.Y aged 22 years the 25th of March 1836

Sister, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all mankind and by the authority of the Priesthood, which God has conferred on me, I lay my hands on thy head and confer on thee a blessing in common with thy husband, like him thou art of the seed and lineage of the patriarch Abraham. In the absence of thy husband thou must have faith in God. The Lord shall know the necessities of thy situation and supply the wants of soul & body. The Lord will give thee Spiritual life and animation, will send thee his angels to administer to thee. Thou shalt be to many an instructor to teach them righteousness. The Lord will spare thy life. Thy disease stands rebuked from this hour. Thy life shall stand, bound up in the bundle of life. Thou shalt stand on Mount Zion, the City of the great King in good health and rejoice in the God of thy salvation. Be faithful and thou shalt have the faith once delivered to the Saints. Thou shalt have of the things of the world and be satisfied. Thou shalt see the winding up scene of this wicked and adulterous generation, shalt see Jesus thy Redeemer sit at the head of his people and administer bread and wine to them to the hundred and forty four thousand, & nations & kindreds & tongues & people. I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:80]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nathaniel Milliken]

Nathaniel Milliken was born in Buxton, York County, Maine, Decr. 25th 1793

Brother Milliken, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head, that thou mayest receive the Spirit of God, that thy faith may be streng[t]hened, that he may grant unto thee all the blessings, which thy soul desires in righteousness for thyself and thy family. for thou shalt receive power to confirm the same upon the heads of thy children, even down unto the latest generation Thou art blessed of the Lord, because thou hast sought to obey his word, hast left thine own country, and come forth unto this land, even where the Lord has appointed for his people to gather, Behold, thou art called and chosen to proclaim the gospel to the inhabitants of the earth, even to many people, & if thou art faithful unto thy calling, & dost magnify the holy priesthood, thou shalt be very mighty in the ministry in declaring the world [word] of the Lord to this generation, and shalt speak great and marvelous things, by the spirit and power of the Lord, even so great, thou shalt wonder and be astonished thyself: for the Holy Spirit will come upon thee, and the power of thy God will attend thee and wheresoever thou shalt go in the name of the Lord, and in all humility and meekness shall call upon the people to repent: thou shalt have great reason to rejoice in the goodness of God; for he will sustain thee, and raise thee up friends who will cleave unto thee, and obey the voice of the Lord in gathering to the land of Zion, to escape the calamity of the wicked, and in these things thy heart shall be made to rejoice and thy soul shall be filled with praise.

Nevertheless, because of the unbelief of men thou shalt have much affliction and many sorrows, yea, even at times, thou wilt almost despair, but fear not for the arm of God will sustain thee, and his power will be exerted for thy deliverance. Thou shalt also see great tribulation come upon the inhabitants of the earth and distress and perplexity upon the nations But holy angels will minister unto thee, and thine eyes shall gaze upon the glories of the upper worlds. The Lord has heard and will answer thy prayers, for thou hast asked for many things which thou hast not made known even to thy wife Lift up thy heart in Thanksgiving and be diligent in thy calling. govern thy home in meekness, causing thy family to walk in obedience to all the commandments of the Lord, and thy blessings shall be exceeding great. I seal thy ministry upon thee and confirm the power of the holy priesthood upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name I seal thee up unto eternal life even so, Amen. Evan M. Green, Clerk. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:43-44]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Milliken]

Mary Milliken was born in Saco, York County Maine, February 12th, 1799

Sister Milliken, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I confirm upon thee the blessings of a parent in common with thy husband; for thy days shall be as his days, and thou shalt be a partaker of all the joys and glories which shall come upon him. Thy name is written in heaven and thou shalt be sealed up unto eternal life, yea thou art bound in the bundle of eternal life and the blessings of the spiritual kingdom, the[re]fore, let thy mind be solemn from hence forth and let thy heart be exercised with charity and love and thou shalt from this time be more & more blessed with the spirit of wisdom and understanding to guide the affairs of thy house. Teach thy children prudence and the commandments of the Lord, and the time will come when they will rejoice with thee in the kingdom of God.

Thou shalt be a comfort and a blessing to thy husband in all his afflictions. Thou shalt be a mother in Israel and thy children shall rise up and call the[e] blessed. Thy name is written in the lamb[']s book of life and shall never be blotted out except for wilful transgression. Thou shalt stand to see almost the winding up scene of this generation and be satisfied with life and desire to be away. Thou shalt not sleep but a short season, but shall come forth in the first resurrection and receive a a crown of celestial glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus I seal these blessings upon thee, even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assnt. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:44]

[Patriarchal blessing of David Nelson]

Blessing of David Nelson who was born in Shrewsbury, Worcester Co. Massachusetts A.D. 1801

Brother Nelson, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father's blessing upon thee, and upon thy children to all generations. Thou shalt do much good among thy friends, for thou shalt testify of the things of God to them by way of letter. As yet thou art not called to go into the world, but thou shalt go to Zion and obtain thee an inheritance among the saints, and shalt thou stand in thy lot. Thou shalt have great riches, houses, lands and much goods. thou and thy children shall be blessed exceedingly from generation to generation with both temporal and spiritual blessing Do thy duty, be faithful and thou art sealed up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ; even so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:72]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Nelson]

Blessing of Mary Nelson who was born in Marblehead. Essex C. Mass. A.D. 1807

Sister Nelson, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and I say thou art blessed. A father's blessing shall rest upon thee in common with thy companion and upon thy posterity to all generations. Thou shalt become a teacher and shall teach many orphan children. Thou shalt stand until the Saviour shall come; and not long hence thou shalt receive the ministring of angels and by vision behold the heavens opened and see the glory of God if thou art faithful. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus even so, Amen. W. A. Cowdery Assit Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:73]

[Patriarchal blessing of Gideon Ormsby]

Blessing of Gideon Ormsby, born in Manchester, Bennington County. Vermont A.D. 1793

Dear Brother, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. and confirm upon thee a father's blessing on account of thy steadfastness in faith to overcome thy besetment by obeying the commandments of God. Therefore, thou shalt be blessed with all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob and your posterity shall be blessed down to the latest generations, as long as the world shall stand, be gathered into Zion, receive your inheritance and your children with you. You shall have instruction sealed unto your heart. Thou shalt be perfectly shielded if faithful and shall stand unshaken when the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, for thou hast become a friend of God and thou shalt certainly prosper in thy labor and be delivered from thine enemies: and thy tongue shall be loosed to speak the praises of God. Thou shalt receive the administration of Angels, see the winding up scene of this generation, continue till thou art satisfied and see the Son of man, even so Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:75]

[Patriarchal blessing of Esther Ormsby]

Also of Esther Ormsby who was born in Jericho, Chittenden Co. Vt A.D. 1796

Dear Sister: I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and say for thy great faith thou shalt be blessed, because thou hast been faithful in keeping the commands of the Lord: For thou hast great faith and confidence, you shall have many to rejoice with you in eternity that you have convinced by your faithfully warning them and by your diligence in keeping the commandments and your steadfastness, you shall have power to converse with your sex, enlighten their minds, and comfort their heart, and your tongue shall be loosed and words given you to speak that shall astonish you.

Thou shalt partake of all the blessings in common with thy husband: you shall trouble yourself no more how you shall provide for your children or how you shall provide for the poor, but give yourself for the Lord, and seek him with all your heart as you have begun. and the Lord has in store for you his treasures,

for even the good things of the earth, even all that your heart can desire shall be given you. and you shall be a mother in Israel, your name is written in heaven, never more to be blotted out. You shall have power over disease, so that when you are attacked with it you shall be delivered from it and because of your great faith you shall behold the face of God. Your bodily health shall be restored and your faculties shall never fail. neither your bodily strength while you are in the flesh, for you shall be even as Moses. for the Lord has many blessings laid up in store for you, even great things if you continue faithful as you have begun Thy posterity shall be even as the children of Israel for number: they shall be a multitude. They shall rise up and call you blessed, even as Sarah's posterity called her blessed.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:75]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jeremiah Patterson]

Blessing of Jeremiah Patterson born in Manysink Orange Co. N.Y. Sept. 10th 1792

Brother, In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity, that thy children may see thy name and blessing recorded in a book. Thou art an orphan and by the Authority of the priesthood, I say unto thee thou shalt have all the blessings pertaining to thy righteousness. I confer these things on thy head conditionally. Be faithful to thy children and stand a patriarch to them. Thou hast been ordained a priest. be faithful in duty, and thou mayest be in time ordained an elder. Thou mayest for a space be useful to this generation. Thou shalt be crowned with righteousness. Shall I say it, thy days are numbered. Thou shalt not see Jesus, thy Savior in the flesh. The vision closes. Be humble & contrite and thou shalt be saved in thy Father's kingdom, even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:69]

[Patriarchal blessing of Eliza Patterson]

Also of Eliza Patterson aged 33 years Sept. 17th 1835

Sister, In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands on thy head & bestow on thee a blessing in common with thy husband. Thy children shall be a blessing to thee. Thou shalt be blessed on thy journey to Zion. The hand that is put forth to stop thee shall not be prospered, it shall not succeed in its purpose. Thou shalt arrive safe with thy children and thy husband to the place of thy destination. Thou shalt have an inheritance in Mt. Zion. Thy last days shall be thy best days. Thou mayest not live to see Jesus in the flesh yet if faithful thou shalt see great things in Zion, I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:69]

[Patriarchal blessing of Josiah Pettingal]

At a patriarchal meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland. Joseph Smith senior, the patriarch of the church of the Latter-Day Saints being present, conferred a blessing on the head of Josiah Pettingal, born in Bridgewater Massachusetts the 18th of March 1765.

Brother, Thou hast become aged. Thou hast come into the church of the Latter-Day Saints in thine old age. I pray the Lord to sustain thee and help thee to press forward towards the mark of the prize. In the name of Jesus Christ the son of God and by the Authority of the priesthood I lay my hands on thy head to confer a blessing on thee and on thy seed after thee. Thou must stand as a patriarch to thy children. that they may have instruction in righteousness. The servants of the Lord will gather thy children into the fold of Christ, into the new covenant. I prophecy upon thy head, that the vision of the Lord shall be open to thee. Thou shalt see great things if thou art faithful and keep the commandments of the Lord, thou shalt be greatly instrumental in the church of God coming out of the wilderness. have no fear, and the Spirit of the Lord will be upon thee and keep thee from falling. The light of the Lord shall shine in thy bed-room and

rouse thee to have joy. Thou shalt know thy Redeemer by the power of the spirit. Thy life shall be continued and thou shalt be satisfied with it, and be abundantly satisfied with the things of the Spirit of God. The Lord will bless thee, he will bless thee with all good things, my tongue can not express them. they will be known to thee when thou seest as thou art seen and knowest as thou art known. Abraham is thy father. The Lord has brought thee into thy father's covenant. A crown of righteousness await thee if thou art faithful. I seal these things upon thee. I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:83]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lydia Pettengil]

Also on Lydia Pettengil, wife of Josiah Pettengil, born in North Providence, Rhode Island 5th of December 1773.

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ the son of God, and by the authority of the Priesthood I lay my hands on thy head in common with thy husband to confer on thee a blessing to be on thee and to descend on thy posterity. Thou hast been brought into the covenant of Abraham in thy old age, God thy Father has looked on thee from eternity. Thy children shall follow thee to Zion and with thee have a residence in Zion. Thy children shall be saved in the celestial world. Their eyes shall see great things. Thy natural faculties shall be preserved and thy years lengthened. Let God renew thy age, let him add to thy years 15. thou shalt be abundantly satisfied with life and its blessings. Thou shalt see thy Father and strike hands with him. Thou art blessed with the blessings of heaven and Earth. All things are yours, Jesus the Redeemer is yours. Now Sister press forward toward the march of the prize of thy high calling of God in Christ Jesus Thou art an orphan and I grant unto thee a Father's blessing. I seal thee up to eternal life — Amen. W. A. Cowdery — Assistant Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:143]

[Patriarchal blessing of Russel Potter]

Blessing of Russel Potter Born in Shaftsbury, Bennington County Vermont aged 26 March 26th 1836

Brother, In the name of Jesus Christ of Bethlehem, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed and confer a blessing. Thou must imitate thy Savior. Thou must call on God by mighty payer. God has called thee to be a priest. Thou art of the lineage of Abraham, through the loins of Mannassah [Manasseh]. Thy children shall stand and be gathered into the fold of Abraham, and thou their father, shalt be a man of God. If thou art humble and faithful. thou shalt not be a whit behind thy brethren in any gift or work. Thou shalt stand among the 144. thousand whom John saw standing upon Mount Zion in the presence of the Lamb. Thou art the first of Manasseh.

Thou must stand in the priesthood and preach to the Lamanites. By the power of the Holy Ghost thou shalt have the languages of thy brethren and be able to communicate to them the gospel of thy God & Savior. Lay hold on the power of God and thou shalt be a successful minister and bring many of thy brethren to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus and his word. Thou shalt have power over, children, power over father & mother and kindred and have power in the gifts of the gospel and thy kindred shall be confounded. If thy father does not acknowledge this blessing let it stand in my name. Thou art called to endure afflictions. be a good soldier of Jesus Christ and God will deliver thee. I seal these blessings upon thee. I seal thee up to the eternal world. Be faithful and all will be yours, Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:81-82]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lorinna Potter]

Blessing of Lorinna Potter, born in Shaftsbury Bennington Co. Vt. aged 25 years June 20th 1835
Sister, It is not in the wisdom of the world, but by the authority of Jesus Christ and the power of the

priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head for thy benefit and the benefit of thy children. I consider thee an orphan till thy father acknowledge thee a sister in the new and everlasting covenant. Let thy heart be drawn out in constant prayer for thy kindred. Thou shalt have a numerous posterity and be a mother in Israel. Thy Joys shall be great.

Thy husband shall be one of the seventies who shall be called into the field and vineyard of God. When thy husband is in distant lands gathering the house of God. Thou must confide in the power and strength of Jacob: God. When thou feelest deprived of his society and concerned, for his safety the angels shall tell thee of him. Thy children standing in the Church shall be a comfort to thee. Thou shalt have power to triumph over death, thou shalt have power to translate thyself to God and not see death. In the name of Jesus I seal all these blessings upon thy head, but remember that they are given to thee conditionally. I seal thee up to life eternal. Be on the side of God and the things of this life and the things of heaven shall be yours. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:82]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Pratt]

Blessing of Jisse Pratt, born in Saybrook, Middlesex County Ct. aged 50 years Sept. 5th 1835

Brother Pratt, I lay my hands on thy head and confer a blessing on thee and on thy seed, that they may find their name and blessing written in a book. I say unto thee by the authority of the priesthood which God has conferred on me, that thou shalt be blessed if thou art humble and faithful, and a blessing shall descend to thy children's children. Thou must stand as a patriarch to thy seed and be faithful to thy companion. I say unto thee that thou art of the lineage of Abraham. Thou must take on thyself the ministry. and if thou indure, thou shalt be instrumental in bringing many souls to God. Thy understanding shall be enlarged, Angels shall instruct thee. Thy days shall be many and thy last day shall be thy best days. Thou shalt be a man of God & do much good in the world. Thou shalt be a mighty worker of Miracles for the power of God shall rest on thee. Thou mayest be called home to thy father that the overflowing scourge may not come upon thee, yet something whispers me that if thou layest hold on faith thou mayest see 100 years. See the winding up scene of this generation, may see the temple and the cloud resting upon it, may see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. I seal these blessings on thy head Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:77]

[Patriarchal blessing of Horace Purdy]

Blessing of Horace Purdy aged 50 years August 11th 1836, born Newburgh N.Y.

Brother Purdy, In the name of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity, & bestow on thee a father's blessing. I do it by the power of the Priesthood to seal thee against the wiles of the enemy of all righteousness. Thou must bless thy children. If thou art humble and faithful, The Lord will show thee thy duty by the powers of the world to come. Thou shalt have an influence over the hearts of the young to lead them into the paths of peace and rectitude. Be patient in afflictions which attack thee and thou shalt have power according to thy desires. Thou wilt have to bear afflictions from thy kindred, but with humble submission to the will of thy heavenly Father, thou shalt triumph over all their enmity. Thou shalt bring many of them into the new covenant and triumph through Jesus over all their opposition. Thou shalt stand in the midst of wars and contentions, unhurt and unalarmed, if thy trust be in him who conquers the hearts of men. Thou shalt be comforted by thy God who will help thee and stand by thy side. God will give his Angels charge over thee and thou shalt have their ministrations. I seal upon thee these blessings by the powers of the priesthood. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:61]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonas Putnam]

Jonas & Sally Putnam's Patriarchal blessings.

Jonas Putnam was born in Ashburnham, Worcester County Mass. Sept. 7th 1792

Brother Putnam, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and ask the Lord to put thoughts into my heart which shall be for thy good. Thou must live soberly righteously and godly in this present evil world, thou hast been honest in heart and desired to do the will of God, therefore, he shall bless thee and uphold thee in his hands, and keep thee from evil. Thou hast grieved for the transgression of thy brethren, and thy family has been afflicted, but the Lord shall remove thy afflictions far from thee, and deliver thee in his own due time, and bless thee with all spiritual blessings and deliver thee from the power of satan, and thy family also by the power God. The Lord shall give thee all the desires of thy heart which shall be in righteousness before him. Thou shalt be an orphan, for God himself shall be thy father and give the[e] an inheritance in the land of Zion among the faithful in the holy city, or city of holiness.

Thou art not of the seed of Joseph, but of the blood of Abraham, & shalt be reckoned with the children of Abraham. & thy children shall be secured by the power of God from the destroyer, and be purified by the blood of the everlasting covenant, and shall stand in holy places, & thou at their head, & then you shall receive a crown and thy children call the[e] blessed, for thou shalt be able to go to Zion and not be hindered on the account of temporal things, either of thy own or of thy connexions, for the Lord shall prosper thy way in temporal things and thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion, therefore tarry not for others, but save thyself by keeping the commandments of God, and thou shalt escape the power of the destroyer and be blessed with eternal life, Even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:39-40]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sally Putnam]

Sally Putnam was born in Chester Windsor County Vermont May 1st 1799

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus, even him who hath all power both in heaven and on earth. May the Lord give thee the fulness of his spirit and the power thereof, May he pardon all thy sins and bestow a fulness of blessings upon thee. Thou hast obeyed the new and everlasting covenant and kept thy faith, Thy heart is honest before thy God. Tho[u] hast had many fears about temporal things, but thou must dismiss them for God shall take care of thy family and his angels rejoice over thee, and the heavens shall secure thee, from the pestilence and famine. All darkness shall be driven away from thee. and thou shalt not fear, for thou shalt receive a goodly inheritance in Zion, for thy family and the destroyer shall loose all his power and not be able to prevail against thy life, for God shall guard thy life and his angels shall watch over thee. For all things are yours, whether they be angels or life, time or eternity, all are yours, ye are Christ's and Christ is God's and he shall give you all things for he hath all power in heaven and on earth and give thee a fullness and shall give the[e] a fullness of celestial glory and thou art sealed up unto eternal life Even so, Amen.

Sylvester Smith, scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:40]

[Patriarchal blessing of Tunis Rappleye]

Tunis Rappleye was born February 2d 1807 in Ovid, Seneca County New York

Brother, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head again the second time, to confirm thy former blessing upon thee, even the blessings of Abraaham [Abraham] & of Isaac and thou art entitled to all the blessings of the Priesthood. Thou shalt be rich in herds. Thou shalt have cattle and horses

of every description and have the riches of the world in abundance. If Thou wilt be humble thou shalt have many children and shalt instruct them in the principles of the gospel and bring them up in the way of righteousness, and when they are sick, thou shalt be enabled by faith to heal them, even thy children's children shall rise up and call thee blessed, Thou shalt have the ministering of angels and, shall become mighty upon the earth.

Thou shalt rend prisons: Thou shalt command the winds and waves and fires and floods, that they shall not destroy thee. The lame shall leap at thy word. The deaf shall hear the dumb shall speak, and thou shalt be instrument in the hands of God of doing many mighty works and of bringing many souls into the kingdom Thou shalt go to thy father's house and be received as a holy Messenger and shall preach repentance [unto thy] connexion, and the desires of thy heart shall be granted thee in their salvation, Thou shalt behold the winding up scene of this generation in the name of Jesus, which I seal upon thy head with all these blessings inasmuch as thou art faithful, and seal thee up unto eternal life even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:44-45]

[Patriarchal blessing of Louisa Rappleye]

Louisa Rappleye was born May 16th 1816 in Lisle Brome County N.Y.

Sister I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and ask my heavenly father to secure thee against the temptations incident to youth, and that the influence of this world may have no dominion over thy mind, That thou woudest seek counsel, for the Lord has designed for thee a multiplicity of blessings when thy husband shall go forth to proclaim the word of the Lord to the nations angels shall minister to thee and inform thee of his absences. Thou shalt be permitted to look within the veil. The Lord thy God will raise thee up & make thee a prophetess and the kingdom of God shall be unfolded to thy view and the glories of the upper world shall roll upon the vision of thy mind, until thou shalt be astonished and say it is enough. Thou shalt teach thy children in the nurture and admonitions of the Lord and thou shalt be called to instruct many of the women amongst the Lamanites in the principles of this world and shall behold the thousands that shall come into the kingdom, through the instrumentality of thy husband. Thou shalt behold the winding up scene of this generation. Thy name is written in the lamb[']s book of life. I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus, inasmuch as thou art faithful and I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

W. A Cowdery assist Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:45]

[Patriarchal blessing of Trephena Redfield]

Blessing of Trephena Redfield who was born Oct. 15th 1778 in Claramont N.H.

Sister Redfield, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head, and I seal the blessings of heaven upon thee; for the Lord has removed thy companion from thee, yet the heavenly Father will comfort thee. The Lord give thee life according to the desire of thy heart. Thy children are, and shall be blessed in coming life, and thou shalt see all thy seed in the celestial kingdom of God. and they shall enjoy the blessings of the holy priesthood to all generations. Thou shalt fill out thy days with usefulness, and be received into the celestial kingdom of God. These blessings I seal upon thee according to my mission and appointment in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:66]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Redford]

Blessing of John Redford who was born in Many, Sink State of Pennsylvania aged 53 years.

My Brother, in the name of the God of Israel I lay my hands on thee and on the head of thy posterity. I give thee a father[']s blessing, thou dost stand in the covenant and art a son of Abraham and with him shall be entitled to the blessings of heaven and earth. Thou hast started for the far West. Thou art seeking Zion a consecrated land. Thou shalt find a goodly inheritance in Zion. Make a perfect surrender of thyself and family into the hands of God, travel not on the Sabbath, and go thy way rejoicing in the Lord who made thee, and kept thee by his mighty power. The angels of his presence shall encamp about thee Be faithful and prove thyself a valiant man. and thou shalt have strength beyond thy expectation. Thou shalt be a counsellor and be respected by they brethren. Thou shalt have houses and lands. The calamities that shall fall on this generation shall pain thy heart, for thy heart shall be open to the calamities that fall on others. Thou standest as a patriarch to thy family, be faithful, and God shall give the[e] rest, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:54]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rebecca Redford]

Also Rebecca Redford who was born in Shaftsbury Bennington Co. Vt. aged 46 years

Dear Sister, in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. I seal on thy head the blessing in common with thy husband. Treasure up wisdom and thy days shall be many. Thy joys shall be great in thy children and in thy Grand children. Their society shall be balm to thy soul: They shall with the[e] be members of the celestial world. Thou shalt be an instructor to all. Thou shalt see Zion flourish and it will give joy to thy soul. The angels of God shall visit thee when thy heart is grieved, if thou put thy confidence in Israel[']s God. Thou shalt see the closing of the great drama, and shalt see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:54]

[Patriarchal blessing of Josiah Richardson]

Blessing of Josiah Richardson born in Middlebury Ct. April 23d AD. 1783

Brother Richardson I lay my hands on thy head for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy seed, & I do it in the name and by the Authority of Jesus Christ and the Priesthood. Be faithful to thy children & stand a patriarch to them. Thou shalt have their lineage recorded in a book, thou & they may see thine origin to the latest generations. I give thee a companion if Satan does not spoil her. Thou shalt have goods in store, the necessary things of this world. Thou shalt have menservants and maid-servants. Thou shalt see Zion flourish. Thou shalt have knowledge of posterity. Be humble and prayerful and all things shall work for thy good Thou must preach the gospel of thy God and Saviour. Thou mayest come up to the priesthood though I do not say thou art of the lineage of Abraham. Suffer thyself to be led by the word and spirit of God. and no power shall hold thee or greatly disturb thy peace. I seal these blessings upon thy head. Amen & Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:64]

[Patriarchal blessing of Harpin Riggs]

Blessing of Harpin Riggs who was born in Oxford, New Haven Co. Ct. April 12th 1809

Brother Harpin a son of Zion, God has strengthened thee in the weakness of thy body. Thou hast been willing to sacrifice [sacrifice] thy life and all that was near & dear unto thee, and the sacrifice is accepted, and God shall protect thee from the snare of the fowler, and give thee grace and blessings, more than my tongue can tell. Thou are called to be a messenger to the Nations. God has a healing Calm for thy body and thou shalt receive it and have strength; and thy body shall be like the body of Moses, thy heart

shall enlarge like Enoch's Thou shalt teach kings and Nobles the gospel of the Redeemer, and thou shalt see the heavens opened and behold thy Redeemer while thou art in the flesh, and he shall lay his hand upon thee and set thee apart and give unto the[e] power and authority, and if thou art called to pass through fire, it shall not burn thee: and if thou art called to pass through floods, thou shalt not drown, and prison walls shall not hold thy body, for thou shalt fill thy mission and escape all thine enemies, and thou shalt live unto the coming of the son of man, and present thy thousands in that day with joys that no tongue can tell, having passed through tribulations thou shalt enter into rest. These blessings I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:42]

[Patriarchal blessing of Melinda Riggs]

Melinda Riggs was born in Deerfield, Franklin Co. Mass. January 7th 1813

Sister; in the name of the Lord I confirm the blessings of thy husband in common upon thee. Thine enemies shall be confounded because of thy wisdom. Thou hast been faithful in few things, and thou shalt receive many. Thou hast desired much and thou shalt receive much. God will shield thee from pestilence, and if thou art faithful, thou shalt live with thy husband to behold the closing scene. Thou shalt have much joy with thy companion, for he shall return many times, and thou shalt not want for any thing during his absence No pestilence shall have power over thee for God is thine, Jesus is thine, life is thine and all things are thine, and thou shalt overcome together with thy husband, and receive the blessings of heaven, even a fulness, and thy posterity so long as a drop of thy blood shall remain upon the earth, shall enter into thy blessings like the seed of Abraham. These blessings I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:42]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lewis Robbins]

Blessing of Lewis Robbins who was born September 3d A.D. 1811 in Stockbridge Massachusetts

Brother Robbins, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head, for thou shalt have the blessings of a father sealed upon thee. even in the name of Jesus all the blessings of earth and heaven and also of the holy priesthood. Thou art of the camp of Zion, yea one of those who did go up to redeem the land and did lay down thy life for thy brethren and the Lord did receive thy sacrifice [sacrifice] & has given thy life unto thee to do a work for him, even that which he hath called thee unto. Thou knowest or ought to know, that thy name is written in heaven. Thou shalt go forth and no power shall be able to stay thee in thy ministration, for the Lord will send his spirit to guide thee in wisdom and give unto thee power Thou shalt want for nothing if thou art faithful. Thou shalt stand upon the earth even until the Savior shall come and shall retain thy full strength and vigor.

Thou shalt have wisdom that shall reach to heaven, for angels shall minister unto thee and teach thee great & marvelous things Thou shalt see much destruction and carnage and many tears shall flow down thy cheeks in thy days, yet thy joy shall not be disturbed. Thou shalt many times be intangled by thy enemies so that it shall seem difficult to get away, yet thou shalt be delivered, for no power shall stay thee. If thou desirest thou shalt be delivered. if like Elijah thou hast to call down fire and destroy thine enemies, or thou mayest, like Enoch waft thyself away to the regions of glory, yet as I before said thou mayest stand on Mt. Zion with the hundred and forty four thousand, having their names written in the Lamb's book of life and a white stone with a new name written thereon, which no man can read save he to whom it is given. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life and these are thy blessings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:74]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Robinson]

Georg[e] Robinson was born in Pawlet Rutland County Vermont May 14th 1814

The following blessing was pronounced upon him by Joseph Smith Senior.

Brother Robinson, in the name of Jesus, the son of the living God, I lay my hands upon thy head according to the office and calling of God to me, and by the authority of the priesthood and the power of the holy anointing I ask God to bless thee with the best of heavens blessings. Thou hast been honest and desired to know the truth and hast obeyed the gospel and left thy country and friends and come up hither to enquire the way of God more perfectly. Thou hast been ordained an elder and I seal thine ordination upon thee with power to magnify thy calling so that no power shall be able to oppose or hinder thee. Though priests rage it shall be in vain. Satan shall not prevail against thee for God shall deliver thee and give thee power to stay the hands of thine enemies and confound them in all things, yet thou shalt make thy escape narrowly many times from that awful monster that seeks thy destruction, yet thou shalt escape for thou art of the blood of Ephraim, and if thou art diligent in all things thou wilt be called to fill a place in one of the seventies & be a special messenger to the nations, & receive the holy anointing and visions shall burst upon thee at the time. Angels shall witness the scene and hover over and thy soul shall be filled, thy tongue shall be loosed and the wisdom of heaven shall be given unto thee, and thou shalt be filled with the love of God. Live for God.

Treasure up wisdom. Be humble, walk uprightly and all things shall be subject unto thee. Thou shalt stand on the earth to the end and see the winding up scene of this generation, preach the Gospel as long as there is any wicked to hear, rise and meet the Lord in the air and be numbered with the hundred and forty and four thousand upon mount Zion, and be crowned with a crown of celestial glory. Thy posterity shall be blessed and thy friends come into the covenant, if thou doest thy duty, and all thy posterity shall rise up and call thee blessed, because thou hast kept the covenant of grace & thy children shall continue in the covenant while the world shall stand, and thy kindred shall obey the gospel even more of them thou now knowest of shall the Lord give unto thee, and power to claim them, and they shall be convinced of the truth and saved in the kingdom of heaven for the priesthood will give thee power over them. These are blessings which I seal upon thee, and seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen

W. A. Cowdery, Asstant, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:41]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyprian Rudd]

Blessing of Cyprian Rudd, born in the town and County of Bennington Vt. aged 53 July 12th 1835

Brother Rudd, I say unto thee in the name and by the authority of Jesus the Holy Redeemer and by the authority of the Priesthood, no power shall hurt thee if thou putttest thy trust in the Living God. Thou must stand as a Patriarch to thy children. Thou must be faithful and do thy duty. Thou must open thy mouth and God will fill it, even with truth & will give the arguments to silence gainsayers. In the humility thou shalt have a companion who shall be a solace to thy life. Thy children shall be in Zion with thee. Thou wilt have to pass through affliction and sorrow, but God will bear thee up if thou lean upon his arm. In thy joys and in thy afflictions, thy companion shall walk hand in hand with thee. Thou shalt see Jesus thy Redeemer and thy joy and faith shall be perfect. Thou shalt see great things. Thou shalt have the things of this world & be filled with satisfaction. In the name of Jesus I seal these blessings upon thy head, and upon the head of thy posterity. I seal thee up unto eternal life. Keep the commandments and thou shalt have life, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:63]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha Smith]

Blessing of Elisha Smith born in Milton, Tioga County N.Y. July 15th 1798

Brother Smith. In the name of Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new and everlasting covenant, I lay my hands on thee for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy seed. Thy generations to come may find thy name and blessing recorded in a book kept for that purpose. In the name of the priesthood I grant thee a father's blessing. If thou exertest the prayer of faith, thine own natural father shall bless thee, being a member of the covenant. Thou hast been baptized and the spirit of the Lord is in thee. Thou shalt see the work of the Lord progress greatly in the earth. Many names shall be added to the covenant. Thou must take on thyself the work of the ministry & be a good minister of Jesus Christ. Th[o]u must preach the gospel, being instant in season & not out of season. Thou art of the seed & lineage of Abraham. Thou must take on thee priesthood. Tell this to thy father, he must in the liberty, in which Christ has made thee free. Thou shalt have to stand in the midst of war and carnage: trust in God and thou shalt be delivered nothing shall be too hard for thee. Thou shalt stand on the earth when Jesus Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Thou shalt help the seed of the patriarch Joseph to come in unto Zion. Thou shalt be blessed in the Earth. Thou shalt see the winding up of this generation, even so, Amen & Amen,

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:70]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joshua Smith]

Blessing of Joshua Smith born in Noblesbury in the State of Maine Feb. 13th 1788

Brother Smith, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Redeemer of all mankind, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed. Thy posterity shall see thy name and blessing recorded in a book. By the authority of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Priesthood which has been conferred on me, I gave thee seal of confirmation. The Lord is thy eternal reward and thy strength. Thou art brought into the covenant by the power of God. Thou art of the posterity and lineage of the patriarch Abraham, thou hast come into the church by the door.

Thou hast been baptized for the remission of thy sins. though thy sins were great they are now forgiven thee Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Be faithful unto the end thou shalt be saved in the celestial kingdom. Speak the word of God with soberness and stand as a patriarch in thy family. Thou must be the means of salvation to thy father[']s family. They and thy children shall call the[e] blessed. The heavens [s]hall be open to thy view. The Inhabitants of heaven shall be ministering spirits to thee. Thy life is lengthened, thy days shall be many. Thou shalt be satisfied with life and the things of the world. Thou shalt see the heavens open and Jesus Christ descend upon the earth. thou shalt rejoice in thy God and meet him in the clouds. Be faithful and keep the commandments and no blessing shall be withheld. Thou shalt have power with men and power with God. I seal the[e] up to eternal life. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:83]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rebecca Smith]

Blessing also of Rebecca Smith, born in the County of Niagara N.Y. aged 20 years Decr. 5th 1835

Sister, In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God, I lay my hands on thee, by the power of the priesthood. O God the eternal Father, I pray thee name of thy Son that thou would show me the lineage of this sister The spirit whispers that like thy husband. thou art of the seed of the Patriarch Abraham. If thou art faithful to the covenant which thou hast made and the covenant in which thou hast by baptism, thou shalt have the aid and ministry of the angels of heaven. Thou shalt live to see many days on the earth, and thy last days shall be thy best days. Thou must stand as a teacher to thy offspring and a mother in Israel. Thy seed,

dear Sister, shall inherit the earth. The Lord shall make thy mind brighter & brighter and as thou growest in age thou shalt grow in grace. Thou shalt have a goodly residence in Zion and many shall come unto thee for instruction in the absence of thy husband. Thou shalt see great things in Zion & in the land. When thy children are sick, thou must look to God in prayer and they shall be healed Like thy husband, thou shalt see the winding up scene of this generation. Amen. & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:70]

[Patriarchal blessing of Zerubbabel Snow]

Blessing of Zerubbabel Snow who was born in St. Johnsbury Caledonia Co. Vt. March 29th A.D. 1809.

Brother Snow, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and confirm upon thee a father's blessing, and I say in his name, thou shalt be blessed, thou and thy children, even thy posterity as long as one drop of thy blood remains upon the earth. and they shall have an inheritance in Zion. Thou shalt be blessed according to thy desires. Thou art a son of Zion. thy name is written in heaven. The Lord looked upon thee and called thee to bear his word; and thou hast been willing to lay down thy life for thy friends. and hast consecrated thy all unto the Lord, therefore the Lord will show thee that he answers prayers. He will show thee great things. He will instruct thee. Thou shalt have many dreams and visions of Angels.

Thou shalt go forth to declare the gospel & leave thy wife; but she shall be protected and supported in thy absence, & she shall uphold thee by the prayer of faith. Thou shalt have power to accomplish thy mission to thy satisfaction: for thou shalt have power to calm wind, to command waters, to remove mountains and cause the Earth to tremble. Thou shalt be persecuted and narrowly escape, even so narrowly that thou shalt call fire down from heaven to consume thy enemies that thy life may be preserved. Thou shalt return to thy wife and comfort her and instruct her in righteousness and have an inheritance in Zion. Thou shalt have power to bring in thy relations and thousands with them. Thou shalt have power to confer thy blessings upon thy children. or if thou dost not have children, upon thy nearest kinsmen, and they shall have an inheritance in Zion. Thou shalt stand on the earth and behold the heavens rend when the Lord shall come with his holy angels Thou shalt abide the day and receive all heavens blessing. All these blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:88]

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan S. Snow]

Also the the blessing of Susan S. Snow born in Lyman, Grafton County New Hampshire July 16th 1810.

Sister Snow, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, and ask my heavenly Father, to confirm a father's blessing upon thee. for the Lord loveth thee because of thy innocence and also the integrity of thine heart. Thou hast been willing that thy husband should go forth in the work of the ministry, yet thy heart has lingered after him and thou art willing that he should now go forth from thee. but thy heart doth linger after him. Thou shalt plead with the Lord for him, yea thou shalt hold him up by the prayer of faith until he shall return to thee again.

He shall also return to thee many times, and comfort thee & teach thee righteousness. Thou shalt be protected and supported in his absence. Thou art greatly blessed thy sins are forgiven thee. Thy name is written in heaven. Thou shalt have all the blessings in common with thy husband. Thou shalt behold great things. Thou shalt have many visions; thou shalt have the ministry of angels. Thou shalt even behold thy Redeemer in the flesh. Thou shalt also behold the gathering in Zion even that of thy friends and relations.

Thou shalt live to see the end of thy husband's ministry and shalt have with him eternal life. All these blessings I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ. even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:88]

[Patriarchal blessing of Fally St. John]

Fally St. John was born in Whitestown Oneida County N.Y. Sept. 7th 1808

Sister, In the name of the great Redeemer and by the authority of the priesthood which God has conferred on me I lay my hands on thy head in common with thy husband. I confer a blessing on thee. I pray the Lord to have mercy and give me an insight into thy heart, that I may act in his name. May the Lord keep thee from all evil and strengthen thee in the principles of virtue. I pray the Lord to prosper thee on thy way to Zion. Thou shalt have thy heart strengthened in the Lord Thou shalt have night visions in which thou shalt see angels and hold converse with them. Thou shalt then know the truth as it is in Jesus and know that I tell thee of these things, if thou art faithful humble and contrite. Thou must not speak evil of thy brethren but reprove them to their face. Thou shalt do much good in the world and enjoy the things of this life. Thou shalt stand in the land of Zion and find an inheritance there. Lay hold on faith and thou shalt live to see 82 years. see the winding up scene of this generation. see the temple and the cloud resting on it and see Jesus Christ come in the clouds of heaven — Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:77]

[Patriarchal blessing of Dexter Stillman]

Blessing of Dexter Stillman Born March 23th 1804 in Colbrook Connecticut

Brother Stillman, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thee and seal upon thee the blessings of heaven, even those thy father in law sealed upon thee, and a father[']s blessing also. the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob are thine even all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom through the holy priesthood. If thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord, thou shalt enjoy all the blessings of heaven. and of the earth in the fullness thereof. Thou shalt be preserved by the power of God from all evil; for the Lord loveth thee, and his angels shall bear thee up and shall be round about thee continually, so that thy life shall be preserved from the power of the destroyer, and from all the enemies of the people of God.

Yea it shall be given unto thee to overcome all things which are not ordained of God. Holy Messengers shall minister unto thee, and thou shalt have power to rend the vail and behold the glories of the upper world until thy heart shall rejoice and thy soul shall be satisfied, Thou shalt do much good in thy day and bring to pass much righteousness. The Lord thy God shall delight in thee & thou shalt be greatly blessed in thy day & generation, and because of the integrity of thy heart no blessing be withheld from thee in time nor eternity. Thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart in righteousness. Thy children shall be a blessing unto thee for thou shalt bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and they shall receive the holy — [priest]hood and bring many sons and daughters to Zion. Thou art of the pure seed of Abraham & thou shalt be remembered in the covenant which the Lord made unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Thou shalt receive an inheritance in Zion and thy children after thee to the latest generation. I seal thee up unto eternal life, These blessings are sealed upon thee and upon thy posterity to the latest generations, even so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:71-72]

[Patriarchal blessing of Barbara Stillman]

Also the blessing of Barbara Stillman who was born Feb. 5th 1809 Clermont N.H.

Sister Stillman, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thee to confirm and seal

upon thy head the blessings of thy father. Thou art blessed of the Lord, and the Lord loveth thee, and he will bless thee in time and eternity. Thou shalt enjoy all the blessings of the spiritu[a]l kingdom in common with thy husband. Thou shalt be blessed in thy posterity and thy father[']s house is blessed, Thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart and thou shalt stand upon the earth as long as thou desirest. Many of the afflictions and calamities which shall overwhelm the nations shall be hid from their eyes, because of the tenderness of thy heart. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life, and all things in heaven & earth are thine. Even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:72]

[Patriarchal blessing of Van Ranpelaer Swift]

Blessing of Van Ranpelaer Swift who was born in the town of Cazenovia, County of Madison in the state of N.Y. aged. 32 years.

Brother Swift, In the name of Jesus I lay my hands on thee and say unto thee: teach thy children to know the Lord. Teach them wisdom virtue and righteousness. Thou must bless thy posterity, a holy seed on the earth. Thou must be endowed with wisdom and thou shalt be useful to the church in this apostate generation. Thou shalt have knowledge of God and shalt increase in faith from month to month: thou shalt have power to do miracles among mankind. Pray in thy family, instruct thy wife, and order thy house in righteousness, consecrate thyself to God and have power to bless a numerous posterity. Go to Zion, observe God's holy sabbath on the way. Though thou mayest have trials of mind and body, look up to the Lord and thou shalt succeed and be an inhabitant of mount Zion. the city of the great king and be saved in time and eternity. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Asist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:52]

[Patriarchal blessing of Edward Thompson]

Blessing of Edward Thompson born in Goshen County of Litchfield Ct. aged 69 years Oct. 10th 1835

Brother, by the authority of God and his holy priesthood. I lay my hands upon thy head and on the head of thy posterity. Thou hast not a father to bless thee and I give unto thee a father's blessing which is after the order of Aaron. Thou art of the lineage of Abraham. Thou hast children and thou shalt stand as a patriarch to confer blessings on their heads. Thou art of the priesthood. If thou art humble before God the Father, thou shalt rejoice in the rock of thy salvation and, thy days shall be many, thy last days being thy best days. The angels shall bear thee away to heaven. By the authority of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings on thy head. Amen & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:64]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rhoda Thompson]

Also the Blessing of Rhoda Thompson born in the town & County of Litchfield Ct. aged. 63 January 27th 1836

Sister Thompson, In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands on thee in common with thy husband. Thou hast come forth in the new and everlasting covenant, in the honesty and sincerity of thy heart. Thou hast thought thy sins were forgiven thee, but thou shalt have greater evidence of thy good standing before God. Thou mayest sleep in the dust, yet like Job thou shalt see God in the flesh. Thou art of the lineage of Abraham. The vision of God shall be opened to thee. Thou shalt see the horses and chariots of thy God. Thou shalt come forth by the side of thy husband. Thou shalt see many days on earth, Thou shalt see thy children[']s children. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:64]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ezra Thornton]

Blessing of Ezra Thornton, who was born April 8th 1789 in Greenfield Massachusetts.

Brother Thornton, In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands upon thee, and I seal upon thy head the blessings of a father, even the same that was sealed upon thy father Abraham by Melchisideck. These blessings are for thee and for thy children, for thou shalt have power to confer them upon them. No evil shall come upon thee, for the heavens shall be propitious and be engaged in thy defense; and not many months shall pass ere thou shalt see visions of angels. Thou hast had fears like thyself, and I tell thee of it, that thou mayest know that God doth know thy heart. Thou hast desired to see thy Redeemer, for thyself thy desire shalt be granted that thou mayest be satisfied. These blessings I seal upon thy head and I also seal thee up unto eternal life. even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:59]

[Patriarchal blessing of Harriet Thornton]

Also Blessing of Harriet Thornton, wife of Ezra Thornton,

Sister Thornton, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thee and confirm upon thy head, in common with thy husband, the blessings of a father. Thy days shall be many, but thou canst not live till the Saviour comes in the clouds of heaven, because of the infirmity of thy body. Thou shalt see the glory and beauty of the upper worlds, and desire to be away. I now seal thee up against pestilence and all plagues: for Jesus is thine, all blessings are thine. and thou shalt have a crown of celestial glory in the day of eternity. These blessings are thine in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:59]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha T. Ward]

Blessing of Elisha T. Ward who was born in LeRoy, Genesee County N.Y. Jany. 22d 1814

Brother Ward, thou art in the slippery paths of youth and art liable to be led astray, must be careful and watch unto prayer, and contend earnestly for the truth or thou wilt fall into temptation and thine eyes be caught away with vanity, and thy heart enmared with the allurements of the world, if thou art not faithful in keeping the commandments of God and dost not put thy trust in him, satan will rage against thee and thou shalt feel his power. But if thou wilt cleave unto thy God with all thy might and strength, he will deliver thee and satan loose his power; for thou shalt have power to command him in the name of Jesus, and compel him to leave thee. Thou must not be lifted up in pride, but be exceedingly humble and seek please God in all things, and he will by and by call thee to the ministry

Thou art of the blood of Abraham, a literal descendant of Israel and must advocate the cause of Abraham, even the cause of truth. Thou shalt be a special witness to the nations, if thou art faithful. The Lord will prepare thee for the work to thou shalt be called Thou shalt pass through perils both by sea and by land, but for all these things thou shalt receive a crown. Thou shalt have a companion and many children, which shall be an ornament in the church, and people the millennium after the earth is is changed, many of them shall be priests of the most high God, and receive an inheritance in Zion with their brethren and great shall be thy joy with them. Thou shalt have all the blessings which thou needest. Thou shalt do a great work and much good, see angels, be taught of God, be perfected in righteousness and stand till the Redeemer comes in the clouds of heaven. This thou hast desired, and thou shalt have it if thou are faithful, and all these blessings are sealed for thee, & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:48]

[Patriarchal blessing of Solomon Warner Jr.]

Blessing of Solomon Warner Junr born in Huntsburgh, Franklin Co. Vt. Oct. 27th A.D. 1798

Brother Warner, In the name of Jesus thy Redeemer, the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, I lay my hands upon thy head, and ask the Lord to give thee such blessings as thou needest, according to the desires of thy heart, for thyself thy family & friends: that thou mayest be able to bring them into the covenant, that they may be saved. These are thy desires and if faithful the Lord will grant them unto thee, and thy life also which thou hast given up to him. He shall bless thee with all the power of the holy priesthood and thy posterity also. Thou shalt have power to abide to the end and to translate thyself away if thou desire from place to place and preach to different nations. Thou shalt have power over prisons, pits shall not hold thee nor chains bind thee, for the Lord shall be with thee to deliver thee from all thy enemies.

Thy voice shall be heard among many nations. Kings, Nobles & Royal blood shall hear thee and say thou art a man of God. Some shall seek to destroy thee, but the angel of the Lord shall deliver thee, waft thee away from their power, and thy souls shall be staid upon thy God. Thy life shall be long. Thou shalt be translated and preach to other worlds, even from planet to planet and to spirits in prison. The Lord shall make the mighty, even like unto his son, having all power of the holy priesthood. Thou art of the seed of Joseph and shalt stand with the hundred & forty four thousand on the Mount of God. with harps in thy hands. Thou shalt be filled with joy, even while executing thy mission thou shalt be so filled with the spirit that thou shalt rejoice in the midst of tribulation. Blood and carnage shall be on thy right hand and on thy left. yet thou shalt weep with the widows and orphans and gather them up for Zion, that thou mayest save threm [them] from destruction.

The Lord shall manifest himself to thee, and shoow [show] thee prints of the nails and the spear. Thou shalt know for thyself that he lives and is thy Redeemer. These blessings I seal for thee on earth, and they are recorded in heaven for the angels to gaze upon & the heavens rejoice in thy blessings and they shall all be fulfilled upon thy head, and the head of thy posterity after thee, I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:68]

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan Wells]

Blessing of Susan Wells, aged 28 years, born in the town of Bridgewater, New Hampshire

Sister, In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands on thee and on the head of thy posterity. Notwithstanding thou hast had sorrow, thy heart is tender. Thou art in affliction for thy husband for he is in the world, his faith is shaken, thy heart aches and is concerned for him. Thy heart is honest and sincere, thy sins are forgiven thee. Rest in the Lord and all things shall work for thy good. Thy name is written in heaven. Thou art blessed and thy posterity When thy children are sick, thou shalt call on God and they shall be healed. Thy husband shall be given thee in mighty prayer, and he shall yet be a man of God and you shall yet be blessed in the unity of faith and righteousness of life. Be patient, be persevering, be prayerful and humble and thou shalt be carried above the things of the world. and be saved in the celestial kingdom. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:66]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Wightman]

Patriarchal blessing of Wm. Wightman who was born December 12th 1807 in the town of Lebanon Gorham, Windham County state of Connecticut.

Brother William, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and ask my

heavenly Father to bless thee. Thou art of the seed of Joseph and a pure descendent of Ephraim, and hast a right to all the blessings of the priesthood, even all the blessings of heaven and earth are thine. Thy tongue shall be loosed [illegible] thou shalt go to the ends of the earth, and thou art one of the horns of Joseph that shall push the people together. Thou art a chosen vessel, and shall have a double portion of the spirit of the Lord. Thou shalt have power to burst bands, rend prisons and walk amid judgements upon the earth, and they shall not harm thee. If thou art faithful thou shalt tarry on the earth until Christ shall be revealed in the clouds of heaven and shall see him as he is and be ordained under his own hand even as the Nephites were. Thou shalt have great power over the elements even to the dividing of waters and to quench the Nature of flames and to call down fire from heaven if needed. Thou art one of the one hundred and forty four thousand that shall stand upon Mount Zion. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life and thy children's children shall be blessed of the Lord. I seal these blessings upon thy head inasmuch as thou art faithful even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:42-43]

[Patriarchal blessing of Dolly Wightman]

Dolly Wightman was born in Springville Susquehanna County Penn, Sept 12 1812

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and ask my heavenly Father to bless thee in common with thy husband. Thy life shall be as his life and thy days as his days. Thou shalt be blessed with long life and the ministering of angels. The Lord has heard thy prayer, and will answer the desires of thy heart. Thou hast asked many things, which thou hast not made known to any one, not even to thy husband. When he shalt go forth to preach the gospel angels shall minister unto thee, and inform thee of his situation which shall be joy unto thee. Thou shalt instruct thy children in the way of righteousness, and be enabled through faith to heal them when sick. Thou shalt remain upon the earth when the judgements of God shall rest upon the nations thereof. Thou shalt stand upon mount Zion with the redeemed of the Lord. I seal these blessings in the name of Jesus inasmuch as thou art faithful, even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assnt. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:43]

[Patriarchal blessing of Melvin Wilbur]

Blessing of Melvin Wilbur who was born in Bridgewater Plymouth Co. Massachusetts A[D] 1801

Brother Wilbur, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father's blessing upon thee, and upon thy posterity to all generations. Thou art of the seed of Ephraim, and hast been blessed, for thou art of the first fruits of thy country. Thou art not forsaken for the Lord will bless thee with all the power of this priesthood. Thou shalt open thy mouth and speak as with the voice of an Arch-Angel, yea thou shalt go forth as a special witness of the Lord, for thou shalt be numbered among the seventies, and any arm or tongue raised against thee shall not prosper, Thou shalt stand upon the earth and be employed in bringing souls into the kingdom of God until the Saviour come. Thou shalt be bound and cast into prison. yet the Lord will deliver thee, and many of that people shall come to thee for baptism and thou shalt rejoice over them. Thou art sealed unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:86]

[Patriarchal blessing of Eunice Wilbur]

Also the Blessing of Eunice Wilbur, who was born in Tiverton Bristol Co. R.I. A.D. 1818

Sister, Wilbur, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee and seal a father's blessing upon thee in common with thy husband. and I say dismiss thy fears, for thy desires have reached unto heaven, & the Lord will answer thy prayers. Thou hast had fears, but have them no more for thy name is written in

heaven, thy Redeemer lives and angels rejoice over thee. Thou art chosen of the Lord and shall become a teacher of the daughters of the Lamanites. & shall be called a mother in Israel. Thou shalt live to see the third generation of thy posterity and not long hence angels shall minister unto thee, and thou shalt behold the heavens open and see the glory of God descend upon Zion. Thou shalt live until the Saviour shall come & and shall be caught up to meet him in the clouds, & rejoice with the angels of glory. If faithful these are thy blessings, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:86]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Williams]

Blessing of William Williams who was born in Colchester Ct. aged 58 years.

Our Father in Heaven send us thy revealing spirit, by which we may be guided into the truth as it is in Christ and his word. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head and bestow on thee a father's blessing. and on thy seed after thee. Thou standest before thy posterity as a patriarch. Thy blessing shall be recorded in a book that thy seed may see the record and know their origin. Put off thy diffidence, come up boldly to the work of thy God, in which thou must engage with all thy faculties that thy seed may be saved and that thou mayest be instrumental in the salvation of others. If thou art faithful in thy masters cause, thou shalt be blessed in the earth and be a man of God. Thou shalt be blessed in the earth and it shall yield to thee its strength. The angels of heaven shall minister to thee. Thou shalt know of a surety the things of God. Before thy spirit shall take its flight. Thou shalt see thy kindred established upon the earth. No blessing shall be too great for thee if thou art faithful. I seal these things upon thy head by the power of the priesthood, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:61]

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles Wood]

Blessing of Charles Wood who was born in Guilderland, Albany County N.Y. Decr. 16th 1792

Brother Wood: in the name of the Lord Jesus, I lay my hands upon thy head, and according to the holy priesthood and the order of the house of God & I confirm the blessings of a father upon thee. Thou shalt not from henceforth be called an orphan child, for the Lord hath looked upon thee, and thou art blessed of the Lord, because thou hast obeyed the fulness of the everlasting gospel, nevertheless thou hast neglected thy duty, and thy mind hath been dark[e]ned, and thou hast not received as many blessings as thou wouldst have received hadst thou been more faithful. But the Lord will bless thee and will call thee in his own time. therefore prepare thy mind and study diligently, for thou art of the lineage of Abraham, and shall have the holy priesthood established again on the earth in these last days, thou shalt proclaim glad tidings of great joy and shalt save many souls & have much joy if faithful, and thou shalt claim thy brother and sister by faith & by thy faith, thou shalt be enabled to gaze upon the upper world & see the glories thereof, & thou shalt have the holy priesthood, while the earth shall stand. If thou hast now not any children, thou shalt have, for God does not design thee to be dry and unfruitful branch, and thou shalt live upon the earth long and it shall be according to thy faith, to be translated, or to sleep in the dust and I seal the[e] up to eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:51]

[Patriarchal blessing of Dolly Wood]

Dolly Wood was born at Cherry, Valley, Otsego, Co. N.Y. June 10th 1801.

Sister, in the name of thy Redeemer, even Jesus, the son of the living God, I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm all the blessings upon thy head in common with thy husband. Seek wisdom and spend thy

days in the service of thy Redeemer, for thou art of the lineage of Abraham, even a daughter of Sarah. In thy younger days thou hast had much sickness, and thou hast sought diligently to serve the Lord, and if faithful thou shalt not have such sickness any more. Thou shalt have the desires of thy heart. Thou shalt live long and thy heart shall be pained for what thou shalt see upon the earth, and God shall send his angels to lead the[e] from famine and from pestilence. Nevertheless thou shalt have much joy and shall behold thy children and thy children's children, even to the fourth generation. Thou shalt have the visions of heaven, and I seal all these visions and blessing upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:51]

[Patriarchal blessing of Gad Yale]

Gad Yale was born in Burlington Hartford County Connecticut August 21st 1786

Brother Yale, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and ask God to speak through me, that thy blessing may be according to the mind of the holy spirit & to give thee an understanding that thou mayest set thy house in order and have power to save thy family and to bless thy children, that the blessings of heaven may attend them to the end that they may receive an inheritance in Zion. Thou art an Ephraimite by blood, a regular descendant of Abraham, and God will not suffer that thou shalt always mourn for thy companion, for God shall give thee power to save thy family in the celestial kingdom. Thy life shall be long and thou shalt see the Redeemer come in the clouds Thou shalt go from land to land and from sea to sea. Thou shalt be caught up to the third heavens and be like unto the Nephites of old. Thou shalt visit other worlds and see all the glory of thy Maker's works. Thou shalt bring souls to God while the world standeth. Thou shalt have power to break off fitter lands, burst prisons, escape fires and floods.

Thou hast offered thy life to redeem Zion, and it shall be kept by the power of God unto the coming of the son of man. and thou shalt see the Redeemer in the flesh, and know that he is, and thy soul shall be filled with the love of God. Thou shalt win thousands by thy ministry and bring them to Zion. spotless and present them to the lamb an acceptable testimony of thy faith and good works Thou shalt also save thy children, watch over them, encircle them in the arms of thy faith and thy prayers for them shall be heard, and thou shalt preserve them unto eternal life, and they shall all be blessed and not one of them be lost All blessings are yours both in time & eternity, & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sylvester Smith, Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:40-41]

6.

Blessings by Joseph Smith Sr.
Dated 1837

[Patriarchal blessing of John Lyons on January 6, 1837]

A Patriarchal blessing given under the hand of Joseph Smith Senr. in the Lord's house in Kirtland Geauga Co. Ohio Jany. 6th 1837 upon the head of John Lyons who was born in Prince William County Virginia Jany 6th 1796.

Brother. in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God I lay my hands upon thy head and say unto thee, that inasmuch as thou hast embraced the work of God in these last days, thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of heaven and the blessings of earth and I pronounce the seal of God upon thee. and I say unto thee thou shalt be called to assist in building up the kingdom of God in these last days and inasmuch as thou art faithful thou shalt have power to overcome thine enemies and shalt stand as a mighty man of God against the powers of darkness and in pulling down the strong holds of sin & Satan. Thou shalt also be a mighty man in winning souls to Christ, by the great wisdom and knowledge that shall be given thee by the power of the holy Ghost.

Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and thy children shall be called by the name of Israel and they shall be blessed from generation to generation with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. and thou shalt have great prosperity and the riches of the earth shall be thine. Thou shalt be called to the priesthood and shalt go forth with the demonstration of the spirit and power and shall be a mighty instrument of the Lord in converting souls: thou shalt go into far and strange lands and among people of whom thou hast not heard. Thou shalt have power over diseases and shalt speak in the name of the Lord and the sick arise. the dumb shall speak, the lame shall walk and the blind shall receive their sight at thy hand, and if expedient thou shalt have power over the violence of fire, and shalt speak in the name of the Lord and it shall obey thee. Thou shalt have power over water and shalt smite the waves if expedient and they shall be divided and thou shalt go over on dry land: the waves also shall be dried up at thy command.

Thou shalt bring many into the kingdom. yea thy thousands and thy tens of thousands & they shall rise up and call thee blessed; thou shalt also have power to bring many of thy friends and relations with thee unto Zion, yea thou shalt be as one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together. Thou shalt speak with tongues and have the power of interpretation [interpretation] and inasmuch as thou art faithful thou shalt hear the voice of God speaking out of the heavens and shalt have the administration of angels. Thou shalt receive a crown of righteousness and shalt stand in Zion as the saviour of the people. Thou art forty and one years old and thou shalt live forty and four years more, if faithful and shall stand upon the earth in the last days and see it cleansed from wickedness and shall see the saviour come to Zion with power and great glory. All these blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. even so Amen.

Samuel James Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:100-101]

[Patriarchal blessing of Abram O. Smoot¹ on January 23, 1837]

The following is the Patriarchal blessing of Abram O. Smoot, received under the hands of the Patriarch Joseph Smith Senior, on the 23d of January 1837 in the town of Kirtland Geauga County Ohio.

Brother, In the name of Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee in the name of the Lord and destow upon thee a father[']s blessing for thou standest unto me as an orphan having no father to bless thee. I say unto thee if thou keepest the commandments of God thou shalt be great upon the earth. like unto Elijah thou shalt become great with thy brethren And in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt be able to stand and wield the sword of the Spirit and the earth shall tremble at thy word and the heavens shall be propetious [propitious] unto thee, and hear thy voice. Thou hast performed a long journey from the South to this place, according to the will of thy heavenly Father to store thy mind with knowledge that thou mayest become mighty in proclaiming his word, but thou hast been afflicted and thy faith hath not been wholly sufficient to arise above the destroyer, but if thou wilt receive it thou shalt be made whole from this hour and be prospered on thy journey home and greet thy friends in health and peace. Be faithful, brother, and thou shalt be blessed in thy labors & and have many souls as seals of thy ministry. Thou shalt have great wisdom many shall seek wisdom at thy mouth.

Thou shalt have power & faith like unto Enoch and Abram. thy life shalt be lengthened out even unto the coming of the Savior if it be necessary and thou desirest. Thou shalt have a posterity and they shall be blessed on the earth, for thou shalt have a companion that shall be a consolation unto thee and thou shalt have sons & daughters and thou shalt be enabled to teach them in all righteousness and they shall become an honor to the church of Christ & they shall be bless from generation to generation and possess an inheritance with the saints in Zion. Thou shalt have much persecution on the earth. Thy enemies will seek thy life, but thou shalt be delivered out of their hands and return to Zion when thy labors in the Lord's vineyard are ended and possess an inheritance with the faithful where thy wisdom shall be great and thy fame known among the saints. And I seal you up unto eternal life & and confirm and seal all these blessings upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Willford Woodruff Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:102]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Zundel on January 28, 1837]

Patriarchal blessing given under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior in the Lord's house Kirtland Ohio January 28th 1837 upon the head of Jacob Zundel who was born in the town of Weirnsam Germany August 24th 1796.

Brother by the authority of the holy priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee in his name and according to my faith I desire that thou shalt have the spirit of prophesy yea that thy mind may be opened to understand all myteries [mysteries] concerning the kingdom of Christ in these last days. Thou art of the blood of Joseph and hast come through the loins of Ephraim. Thou hast a right to the priesthood yea the Melchisedeck priesthood, which is after the order of the son of God and if thou art faithful thou shalt be mighty in winning souls to christ. Thou shalt have power to destroy the works of darkness. by the great power that shall be given thee by the power of the Holy Ghost.

1. Wilford Woodruff recorded: "I accompanied him [Abram O. Smoot] to father Smiths to officate [officiate] in the office of a Scribe While he receieved [received] his Patriarchal blessing. Accordingly the Patriarch JOSEPH SMITH sen. Pronounced his blessing upon his head in the name of the LORD & I wrote it down for him. It was truly a great blessing. We had it recorded & I gave Elder Smoot a copy of it in Print that he might take it home with him as he was expecting to leave the day following" (Scott G. Kenney, ed., *Wilford Woodruff's Journal, 1833-1898*, 9 vols. [Midvale, UT: Signature Books, 1983-85], 1:122-23, Jan. 23, 1837).

and thou shalt travel into strange lands and preach to many nations yea kings and emperors and confound them by the wisdom that shall be given thee by the spirit and thou shalt go to Germany and preach to thy own nation and shall be instrumental in bringing many into the kingdom and shall have power to bring many of thy friends according to the flesh with thee to Zion, the city of the living God. Thou shalt not only speak in the German language but thou shalt speak in other tongues and shalt have the power of interpretation (if thou art faithful) by the power of the Holy Ghost that shall rest upon thee.

Thou shalt be blessed also with temporal blessings yea with gold and silver with every thing to make thee comfortable in life. Thy children shall be blessed with many blessings and thou shalt train them up in the way they must go, and they shall be an ornament in the church of the living God; they shall have a place in Zion yea an inheritance among the Saints according to the covenant given to their fathers, Thy wife shall be blessed with many blessings yea I will give thee blessings to carry to her (inasmuch as I cannot visit her to lay my hands upon her.) which will make her rejoice. She shall enjoy the blessings of heaven poured upon her & she shall see good days in the land of the living and shall rejoice in the holy one of Israel. Yea if she is faithful she shall receive many of the gifts of the spirit. Thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob in the kingdom of God. Thou shalt preach as long as wickedness shall be in the earth, and shall come to Zion with thy thousands and thy tens of thousands with songs of everlasting Joy and shall see the earth cleansed and the peaceable kingdom of Christ established on the earth. All these blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Asst. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:102-103]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Strite on January 28, 1837]

A patriarchal blessing given under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior in the house of the Lord Kirtland Ohio January 28th 1837 upon the head of Jacob Strite who was born in the town of Weingarden Germany Nov. 1st 1807

inasmuch as thou art an orphan and hast no parent to pronounce a blessing upon thy head. I lay my hand upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, and say unto thee thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob and shalt enjoy the privileges of the Saints of God. Thou must place thy heart and thy affections upon the things of the kingdom of God and improve thy mind and call upon thy heavenly Father in fervent prayer that he may give thee intelligence and understanding and also that thy faith may become strong in the mighty God of Jacob. If thou art faithful, thou shalt behold the veil drawn aside and shalt behold the throne of God and have a view of the things of eternity. God has looked upon thee in innocency of thy mind and is well pleased with the honesty of thy heart. and I say unto you in the strength of Israel[]s God and call upon his name and thy house shalt be blessed and thou shalt see many good days.

Thy posterity shall be blessed and although thou hast no children, the Lord shall bless thy companion and shalt give her power to bring forth children and they shall keep the commandments and shall be blessed with the blessings of their Fathers according to the covenants of their fathers. Thy life shall be spared if thou art faithful and thou see the Savior stand upon the earth. If thou art faithful and desire to have the priesthood thou shalt have it and shall go forth, preach the gospel and administer the ordinances of the Lord's house and shall be blessed abundantly. I also pronounce a blessing upon thy wife and say in the name of the Lord that she shall be blessed with a great measure of the spirit of God and shall be blessed with the riches of heaven & earth. And I place the seal of God upon thee and say in the name of Jesus thou shalt be blessed. All these blessings I pronounce upon thee and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:103-104]

[Patriarchal blessing of Desdamona Fulmer on February 9, 1837]

Patriarchal blessing received under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior in the Lord's house February 9th 1837 on the head of Desdamona Fulmer born in Pennsylvania Northumberland County in the year 1810 Oct. 6.

Sister in the name of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head in the room of a father to bless thee, for thou standest as an orphan to me. I say thou shalt have the desires of thy heart for thy father's family. I ask my heavenly Father that thine eyes may be open to the faithfulness of thy duty. that thou mayest receive the administration of Angels. Thou hast desires to see Zion built up, therefore, thou shalt have thy desire inasmuch as thou art faithful, therefore I say thou must instruct thy children and bring them up in Righteousness. Thou shalt have the ministrations of Angels to comfort thy heart and that thou mayest know of thy husband's welfare when he shall be in foreign lands,

Thou shalt see the great temple reared in the Land of Zion and [illegible] an instrument in doing some work about that great and magnificent building. Thou shalt have all the power and authority that belon[g]eth to thy sex and be permitted to see the winding up scene. Thou shalt have servants and hand-maids to wait upon thee. therefore the evil Spirit shall have no power over thee. although thou wilt be afflicted, yet from all thine afflictions thou shalt be delivered, therefore the blessings of Heaven and earth shall rest upon thee. in faithfulness and in confirmation of the authority of the priesthood which has been conferred upon I seal these blessings upon thee, even so Amen.

Hiram Clark Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:113]

[Patriarchal blessing of Willard Richards on February 22, 1837]

Willard Richards, (son of Joseph Richards,) who was born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, June 24th 1804. Received his Patriarchal blessing under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior, First Patriarch of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at the house of President Joseph Smith Junr. in Kirtland. Ohio. February 22d 1837.

My Brother Richards, by the authority of the holy Priesthood conferred on me, and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head, asking my heavenly Father to prepare me, to perform the duty of a patriarch, and put words into my mouth whereby I may tell thee all that is recorded in heaven for thee to look upon, even the blessing which God has in reserve for thee. As thou hast obeyed the gospel by following thy Redeemer down into the waters of baptism, if thou wilt be faithful all things are possible for thee. Thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for thou art of the lineage of Jacob, through the loins of Ephraim, and are called to preach the gospel, for the Lord has preserved thee for this work.

Thou shalt become mighty to the pulling down the strong holds of Satan, and building up the Redeemer's kingdom in the Last days. No one shall lay hands on thee to harm thee, for thou shalt have power to escape the hands of wicked men. God will cause the earth to tremble for thy good. Thou shalt have great power to proclaim the gospel to the astonishment of the great men of the earth, and to the confusion of all who seek thy hurt. The nations of the earth shall greatly fear thee, for thou shalt be a terror unto them, for their wicked deeds shall be made manifest unto them, through thy organ. Thou shalt have great possessions, for the treasures of the earth shall be at thy command. Thou are not unincumbered, go forth and fulfil the calling whereunto thou hast been called, and thou shalt be greatly blessed, and the Lord will give thee a companion according to the desire of thy heart, by whom thou shalt raise up seed, and thy posterity shall be many, who shall see the end of all wickedness, and shall rise up and call thee blessed, and shall also be called to preach the gospel, and shall have power to prevail over all the evil, and sit down with thee and rejoice in thy Father's kingdom together.

No one shall have power to harm thee or thy posterity, if thou wilt put thy trust in God. Death shall have no power over thee, for thou shalt tarry and behold thy Redeemer coming in the clouds, and shall see him in the flesh; shall have power to bring thy kindred into the kingdom, who shall acknowledge thee a man of God. And now, dear Brother, if thou art faithful, I seal all these blessings upon thy head, and upon thy posterity, and by the authority of the holy Priesthood, I seal thee up unto Eternal life, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, even So, Amen.

Frederick G. Williams. Scribe. Recorded September 17th 1843. Willard Richards. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:140-141]

[Patriarchal blessing of Wilford Woodruff² on April 13, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held at the Lord's House in Kirtland Ohio on the 13th day of April A.D. 1837 Joseph Smith Senr. the patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints conferred a blessing upon the head of Willford Woodruff son of Aphek Woodruff born in Farmington Hartford County Ct. March 1st 1807.

My beloved brother, I lay my hands on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ the son of the Living God and seal a blessing on thy head which shall reach thy posterity, a seal which shall not be taken from thee. I bless thee as Melchisedec blessed Abraham when he returned from the slaughter of the ten kings. I confer on thee all the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob, which includes all blessings both temporal and spiritual the blessings of heaven and the blessing of the earth. Thou shalt have all the power and authority of the Melchisedec priesthood. Thou hast a great work to do in the earth. thou shalt visit many barbarous tribes of the earth, and they shall seek to take thy life yet God will give the[e] power & wisdom to escape their designs.

Thou shalt be blessed with posterity, thy sons shall receive the priesthood and be an ornament to the church of Christ, yea they shall be great men in the earth. Thou shalt be honored by them and they shall call thee blessed. I place a seal upon thy head and no power shall be able to take it from thee if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God. This seal shall guard thee against the destroyer. Thou mayest have the administrations of the angels of heaven a holy angel shall soon administer unto thee and reveal unto thee thy duty, yea and give unto thee great instructions. Thou shalt have the spirit of God to instruct thee in thy mission and lead thee into all truth. Thou shalt be filled with the spirit of God. Thine eyes shall be opened to look within the veil and behold the things of eternity. Yea the Lord of Glory shall appear unto thee. Thou shalt put thy hands upon his feet and feel his wounds with thy hands that thou mayest become a special witness of his name. Thou shalt understand great mysteries in this generation, yea all the mysteries of the kingdom of God. and the wisdom of God shall cleave unto thee. I seal all of thy former blessings on thy head, and they shall be fulfilled.

Thou shalt be a great man in the earth, Thy intellectual powers shall be preserved and thy understanding shall be great. God has looked on thee from all eternity & has known thy blood, Thou art a descendent of Joseph. Thou shalt stand in the flesh and see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt remain on the earth to behold the Savior come in the clouds of heaven. Thou shalt be numbered with the 100 & 44,000 that shall stand upon Mount Zion and sing a song that no man can learn or sing but thy company. Thou shalt have access to the treasures hid in the sand to assist thy necessities. An angel of God shall show thee the treasures of the earth that thou mayest have riches to assist thee in gathering many orphan children, to Zion.

Thou art one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together to the ends of the earth. No power shall stay thee, at thy word the winds shall be stayed Thou shalt walk upon the waters. At thy command the

2. Woodruff recorded that he received his patriarchal blessing on April 15, 1837 (*Wilford Woodruff's Journal*, 1:142).

waters shall be divided, prisons chains, and vaults shall not hold thee, for thou shalt rend them in twain and be delivered out of the hands of thine enemies by the mighty power of God and by the prayer of faith. Thou shalt have great blessing; thou art of the blood of Ephraim, and if thou wilt claim it by faith thou mayest bring all of thy relatives into the kingdom of God, for they are of the blood of Ephraim. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal this blessing on thy head, by the authority of the holy priesthood. I seal thee up unto eternal life, amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:118]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Turpin on April 15, 1837]

At a blessing meetin[g] held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this fifteenth day of April 1837 Joseph Smith senior the patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints being present & holding the meeting, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Jesse Turpin born in Stewart county Tennessee June 22d 1816.

My young brother, in the name of Jesus Christ the Righteous I lay my hands on thy head to save thee from the power of the enemy and from all Mobs and riots which the devil may send upon thee Thou hast in thy youth given up thy heart to God. Thy heart is pure. God has looked upon thee from all eternity and has written thy name in heaven. If thou wilt humble thyself before God thou shalt rise up like Enoch in mighty power. The time may come when thou shalt hear the voice of God out of the heavens like Paul. The time shall come when thou shalt go to the Islands of the sea and to the nations of the earth. Thou shalt preach in ships, shalt have power over storms winds and waves. Thou shalt stand in Kings courts and testify to the truth. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and thou shalt be endowed with mighty power God will strengthen thy heart and subdue thy passions.

Thou shalt have power to call down fire from heaven, and if it be necessary it shall consume thine enemies. Thou shalt be blest in all things. no blessing shall be too great for thee, if thou wilt put thy trust in God. Thou shalt prosper in all things. friends and enemies shall say thou hast been helped of thy God. Thy enemies when they press upon thee and persecute thee for righteousness sake shall be smitten. They shall fall down dead. God will send his angels to guard thee and lead thee into truth. I bless thee with a father[']s blessing. Thou desirest the salvation of thy friends: thy father shall come into the covenant and receive the truth, and some of thy friends shall be able to testify to the truth like Paul. Thou shalt stand in the flesh and see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. Shall stand among the hundred & forty four thousand and sing their song: nothing shall be withheld from thee Thou shalt have the priesthood here and in the eternal world, shall have all blessings. My heart is full of blessings. my tongue cannot utter them. This is given on condition of keeping the commandments and the word of Wisdom. In the name of Jesus I seal these blessings on thy head, by the power of the holy priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:119-120]

[Patriarchal blessing of Alexander Lyon on April 15, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this 15th day of April 1837. Joseph Smith Senior, the patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the meeting, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Alexander Lyon, born in the township of Foster in the State of Rhode Island the 3d day of May in the year of our Lord 1797.

My Brother, in the name of the Redeemer of the World and by the Authority of the holy Priesthood which God has conferred on me I lay my hands on thy head & bestow on thee a blessing which shall come to the knowledge of thy posterity. May God give thee understanding that thou mayest know the will of God concerning thyself. The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob has looked upon thee from all eternity and has known thy blood. Thou art of the house and lineage of Abraham. Thou hast passed through a great va-

riety of afflictions and trials. God has [illegible] thee for the good of thy soul, that thou mayest become a son of God. Yea God in his mercy has chastened thee. for thy good.

In the name of Jesus Christ I bless thee with the blessing of a Father. It shall be as the blessing conferred on the head of Abraham by the hands of Melchisidec when he met him on his return from the battle of the ten Kings. God has brought thee up through the furnace of afflictions for the good of thy soul, has brought into the church of the Latter Day-Saints, that thou mayest be useful in his kingdom. If thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God thou shalt be kept in the covenant. God has given thee children. Thou must take care of them and gather them around thee. God will bless them and give them an inheritance in Zion: thyself also shall have an inheritance in the city of Zion. Thou must not be selfish in thy heart, must let go the doctrines of men and not be entangled in the wild schemes of sectarianism God will call thee to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom in the Earth. he will give thee his spirit and enable thee to do a great work in the earth. In the name of Jesus thou shalt work mighty miracles among the children of men. Thou must not seek to be bound. Thou must seek with all thy powers to build up the kingdom of God and angels shall minister to thee and instruct thee into the mysteries of the kingdom.

Thou must faithfully keep the covenants of God; must be faithful in the discharge of every duty and God will give thee strength and give thee a crown of Glory that shall dazzle like the sun of the firmament. God will give thee wisdom, strength thy intellectual powers, and brighten thy memory, that thou mayest perform the work of the Lord. Thou wilt have to pass through thy life shall be lengthened out, thou shalt be satisfied with life. Thou shalt see war, pestilence and famine, but if thou art faithful shalt outlive the storm. Thou shalt see great things done in the earth Thou shalt see the salvation of the righteous and the destruction of the wicked. Thou shalt stand in the flesh and see Jesus. This is thy blessing I seal it on thy head, I seal the[e] up to eternal life Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:127-128]

[Patriarchal blessing of Levi Richards on April 15, 1837]

At a blessing Meeting, held in the Lord's House in Kirtland this the 15th day of April AD 1837 Joseph Smith Senr the Patriarch of the Church of the Latter day Saints being present and holding the Meeting a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Levi Richards Son of Joseph Richards, born in Hopkinton County of Middlesex Massts [Massachusetts], the 14th of April 1799.

Brother Richards — By the authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and confer on thee a father's blessing — a blessing which shall reach thy Posterity — they shall see thy name recorded in a Book of Records — Thou standest to me as an Orphan — thou hast no father authorized to bless thee — I bless thee with blessings of Abraham Isaac and Jacob which contain the blessings of heaven and earth — thou mayest have the Priesthood — mayest have faith and a certain knowledge of the Son of God — thou shalt have knowledge to make thee wise unto salvation being filled with the Spirit of God — I pray God to bless thee that thou mayest comprehend all things — comprehend the wisdom of this Generation — comprehend the mysteries of the Kingdom of God and the part that thou must take — thou must comprehend the nature and design of all things around thee —

thou must lay hold on the Powers of the Holy Ghost and be a mighty man of God and at thy command Mountains shall fall — winds and waves shall obey thee — Rivers shall be turned from their course — Prisons shall not hold thee for thou shalt burst their bars and gates — no Pits dug by thine Enemies shall hold thee — thou art a chosen vessel of God- he has seen thee from Eternity — yea thou art a chosen vessel to do the work and will of thy Redeemer — God has known thy Lineage and thy blood — thou art of the house of Abraham, through the Loins of Joseph and Ephraim — thou hast received the things of God — some things thou hast not understood- must seek the wisdom that cometh from above — then act

Thou shalt have Power over diseases — yea all of the diseases to which flesh is heir too — shalt have great Knowledge of herbs — shalt be a mighty Physician — shalt gain friends and Enemies — even the greatest shall envy thy success — God will give thee an help meet — thou shalt be of one heart and of one mind — shalt take sweet counsel and walk to the house of God together — thou shalt have a Residence in Zion and shalt bring many sheaves there who shall rejoice in the Lord — the Angels of heaven shall minister to thee — thou shalt live long on the earth and see good days tho' [though] thou mayest pass through tribulation and affliction — If thou art faithful to God thou shalt see the Restoration of all things — see the gathered House of Israel — see Jesus and stand in the midst of the One hundred and forty four thousand whom John saw standing with the Lamb on the Mount Zion — shalt sing their Song —

Thou shalt preach the Gospel of thy Redeemer and do a great work in the Earth — Ask God the Eternal Father to give thee great things and thou shalt have them — this is thy blessing — not one Item shall fail It is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the “word of wisdom” — In the name of Jesus Christ I seal them on thy head — by the Powers of the Priesthood I seal thee up to Eternal Life Amen & Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel McClanathan on April 16, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this the 16th day of April 1837 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints being present and holding the meeting a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Samuel McClanathan born in the town of [blank]

My young brother, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Righteous, I lay my hands on thy head to bestow on thee a father[']s blessing that thy posterity may see thy name written in a book of records to be kept through all generations. I ask my heavenly Father to give me his will concerning thee, that I may have the spirit of prophecy that I may tell thee thy duty. Inasmuch as thou hast been baptized for the remission of thy sins thou shalt be blessed with all heavenly blessings, inasmuch as thou hast not attended to thy duty since thou wast baptized, thou hast suffered. I pray God to encircle thee in his arms and preserve thee and let thee ere long hear his voice calling to thee from thee [the] heavens. Thou art of the kingdom of heaven. God has called thee in a way many times that thou didst not understand. he has looked upon thee from eternity and has called thee to do a great and wonderful work in the church. He has seen thy blood.

Thou art of Israel. Thy descent is through Joseph and Ephraim. Thou must preach the gospel of the kin[g]dom to the nations of the earth. God will make thee strong like Sampson will give thee his spirit and make thee a mighty man of God. Thou shalt wield the sword of the Spirit he shall strengthen thy arm that thou mayest be valiant in his cause. Thou shalt fight the Lord's battles like Joshua. Thou shalt ere long receive the instructions of the holy angels and learn the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven. No power shall be able to take thy life till thou art willing to lay it down. Thou mayest command the destroyer to stand back, mayest have power of waves, over winds and over floods, nothing shall be too great for thee to do.

Thou shalt have a Residence in Zion. & see the gathering of the house of Israel shalt see the tribes crowned by the hand of Ephraim, shall see thy Saviour come in the clouds of heaven. and behold the winding up scene of all things. Thou shalt stand in the midst of the 100 & 44 thousand whom John saw standing with the Lamb upon Mount Zion and sing their song. This is thy blessing I give thee the blessing of a father Thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob which includes all blessings of a spiritual nature Thy family shall be blessed in the kingdom. Thy posterity shall stand on the Earth as long as it shall stand. They shall be kings and priests to God one thousand years If thou art faithful and humble and faithful, thou shalt have power over thy kindred. Thou hast a right to the priesthood being a son of Abraham. This blessing is given on condition of keeping the commandments of God and the word of wisdom. In the name of Jesus

Christ I seal these blessings on thy head, by the power of the holy priesthood, I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:117]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Wilson on April 17, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held at the Lord's house in Kirtland this 17 day of April 1837 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the meeting a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of John Wilson, born in the town of Williamstown and county of Oneida, State of N.Y. June 22 — 1816.

Brother Wilson, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands on thy head and confer a blessing on thee. that shall be read by thy posterity. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I bestow on thee a father's blessing. Thou hast no father to lay hands on thy head to bless thee. The God of eternity has appointed me to supply the place of a father to bless orphan children. I pray God to hedge up my way that I may not act without his spirit. God will give thee a message to go [to] thee [the] nations of the earth. Thou must preach the gospel of the kingdom to the nations sitting in the regions and shadow of death. The holy Ghost may prepare thee and sanctify thee. Let God show me thy duty Thou hast been baptized for the remission of thy sins and hast a claim on the holy Ghost for the baptism of fire that thou mayest come up to thy duty that thou mayest discharge thy mission in preaching the Gospel.

If thou wilt prepare thy heart, thou shalt be an instrument in the hands of God of bringing many souls to Zion. In the due time of the Lord the angels of the Lord shall minister to thee and instruct thee into the mysteries of the kingdom. Thou shalt ere long if thou art faithful, hear the voice of the Lord. Thou shalt do wonderous things in the earth, do mighty mirailles [miracles] in the name of Jesus. Thou shalt have power to command the winds and they shall obey thee. yea the boisterous waves shall be still at thy word. Yea thou shalt sail in ships and preach to their crews, the gospel of the kingdom; thou shalt preach to the inhabitants of the Islands of the sea. Thou shalt be persecuted for righteousness so that thou wilt have to hide thyself to escape their rage. Thou shalt do a mighty work in the earth. Thou shalt have the priesthood and exercise its powers. Thou shalt have the blessing of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Thou shalt have long life and the treasures of the earth. Thou shalt be blessed with a companion. God will teach her heart.

Thou shalt have posterity who shall have a residence in Zion from generation to generation as long as the earth shall stand. Thou shalt witness the end of this generation and the descent of Jesus Christ. Thou shalt stand with the hundred & 44 thousand on Mount Zion in the presence of the Lamb. I place this seal on thy head and nothing but transgression shall remove it. Thou shalt receive a crown on thy head. All blessings shall be thine. My heart is full of blessings for thee. I cannot number them nor can I express them. This is thy blessing. not one jot shall fail. it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God. and word of wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal them on thy head by the power of the holy priesthood I seal the[e] up unto eternal life, Amen.

J. Pine Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:116-117]

[Patriarchal blessing of James Chaney Snow on April 20, 1837]

At A Blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland on the Evening of the 20 of April 1837 Joseph Smith Seen [Senior] the Patriarch of the church of the Latter Day Saints being present & holding the Meeting. A patriarchal Blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of James. Chaney Snow Son of gardner Snow Born in the Town of Chesterfield State of N. Hampshire Cheshire County on the 11, of January 1817.

Brother Snow thou art yet in thy youth & many things lay Before thee which thou hast not thought

of thou wilt have to pass through many difficulties & dangers thou wilt pass through much [much] tribulation wherefore I Say thou must be faithful to God in keeping all of his holy commandments & be diligent in the great work unto which thou art called for the Eyes of God & all the holy prophets have been & are upon thee God has looked upon thee from Eternity & thy Name is written in the Lamb[']s book of Life & thou Shalt see that it is Recorded there in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God. And now by the Authority of the holy priesthood I lay my hands upon thy head being Spokesman for thy Father & give thee A Father[']s Blessing I confer on thy head the Blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob for thou art A chosen Vessel of the Lord even as Paul for the Eyes of the Lord are upon thee he has known thy walk & watched over thy person and guarded thee by his holy Angels.

Wherefore let thy heart be comforted for the Blessings of heaven and Earth are yours & there Shall be no man on Earth among all the Servants of God that Shall go before thee Nevertheless there Shall be many who Shall be equal with thee thou must exercise the powers of the priesthood for thou Shalt have great power & mighty faith even like unto Joshua & Enoch of Old yea thou Shalt be like the Brother of Jared so that thou canst not be kept from looking within the vail thou shalt behold the Saviour of the World & be made equal with him & thou Shalt bear testimony of it to the Nations afar off that thou hast heard that thou hast Seen & handled the words of Eternal life for thou art of the pure blood of Joseph through the Loines [Loins] and lineage of Ep[h]raim therefore all heaven is willing to bless thee and thee [the] Angels of God will administer to the[e] and they shall continue to guard thee

thou Shalt have the power of the priesthood thou Shalt perform great Miracles in the name of Christ and great wonders in the Earth in the presence of Kings and Rulers and the heathen before whom thou Shalt Stand Shall Call thee a god And Shall fall down to worship thee but thou wilt not suffer them thou Shalt be a mighty Man in the midst of the Nations thou wilt gather in many souls into the kingdom of Christ in the last Days thine heart will be very tender for thou wilt weep and over the Sins of mankind thine heart shall be filled with the love of God thou shalt have posterity and thy seed shall be very Numerous they shall be Mighty men in the Earth they shall be kings and priests unto god and the lamb and they shall have an inheritance in Zion Because of this thy Bless thou shalt witness the consum[m]ation of the great things of god thou shalt stand among the one hundred Forty and four thousand upon Mount Zion in the presence of God and all the holy Angels Yet thou wilt have to pass through perils by sea and perils by land and perils among false Brethren therefore put your trust in god and not one hair of thy head Shall be suffered to fall to the ground innoticed [unnoticed] and although your Enemies shall seek to destroy thee yet thou shalt have power over them for there shall be no power beneath the whole heavens sufficient to Destroy thee or take thy life thou shalt have power over water and fire thou shalt have power like Sampson of Old so that chains cannot bind thee nor yet prisons Dungeons bars or bolts hold thee for the wal[l]s shall burst asunder and many shall perish in consequence of the same this is thy Blessing and not one Jot nor tittle of it shall fail. And now by the Authority of the holy priesthood I seal thee up unto Eternal Life for thou shalt receive A crown of glory at the right hand of God to go no more out forever all these Blessings we Seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:137-138]

[Patriarchal blessing of Henry Harmon on May 23, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland on the 23d day of May 1837. Joseph Smith sen., Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints, confer[r]ed a blessing on the head of Henry Harmon, born in Scarborough, Maine, March 22d 1816.

Brother Harmon, In the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands on thy head and bless thee in the name of the Lord. If thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God thou shalt have the spirit to attend

thee and abide with thee continually, whether thou goest to the East, West, North or South. Do all thou hast to do in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou mayest yet look into the heavens, and the angels of God will be round about thee and deliver thee and keep thee from the works of darkness. If thou art faithful thou shalt yet be called to the ministry and will do much good. Thou wilt be blessed with all spiritual and temporal blessings that are necessary for thee in time and in eternity.

Thou art of the seed of Israel, a descendant of Jacob. Thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob confer[r]ed upon thee, and thou shalt have an inheritance in the land of Zion and enjoy great blessings with the faithful. Thou shalt have posterity that shall be blessed in the earth. Thou shalt be strengthened in thy lameness and be made strong. The destroyer shall not have power over thee to take away thy life. Thou shalt behold the Son of God while thou dost stand in the flesh and if thou dost seek it with all thy heart, thou shalt stand on the earth to behold the Savior come in the clouds of heaven, and be caught up to meet him, and thou shalt see the end of the wicked. Thou shalt have an inheritance among the sanctified in the flesh and a seat in the celestial kingdom in eternity. I confer all these blessings upon thy head and seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

W. Woodruff, Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:123]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Holton Sheldon on May 27, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland the 27th day of May 1837, Joseph Smith Sen., Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints, being present, and holding the Meeting, a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of William Holton Sheldon, son of William Sheldon, born in Northampton, Mass. the 7th day of May 1806.

My Brother. I lay my hands on thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, with which I am invested, and in the name of Jesus Christ to bless thee. I ask God the Eternal Father, to put into my heart a knowledge of thy blessing, that I may know what to say to thee. I design to speak the will of God that I may not come under condemnation. May the Lord grant thee power to understand the spirits, for many have gone out into the world. The Lord grant thee wisdom. The Lord will instruct thee in the revelations of these last days. Thou must be humble and pray much, — must seek to know God and do his will, and if thou shouldst see any thing which thou dost not understand God will show thee. Thou must not lean on arm of flesh — not on man. If thou dost keep the commandments of God thou shalt hear his voice calling thee out of the heavens, ere long if thy faith fail not.

Let thy heart be pure in the sight of God. The Lord will deal with thee as with a son. Thou art called to pass through trouble and affliction God will try thee. Thou hast a work to do and must lay to with thy might. God will help thee, will work with thee and for thee. Thy tongue shall be loosed, thy mind shall expand, thy intellectual powers shall be brightened. Thou shalt be able to comprehend all things. Thou shalt be able to circumscribe the heavens. I say to thee brother thou hast a work yet to do, yet. I do not say that thou shalt have the Priesthood. I leave this in the hands of God. He will give thee information on this point, thou must look to God. Thou art of the seed of Abraham and his blessing shall rest upon thee. The Lord will give thee posterity and they shall call the[e] Blessed. Thou shalt have three sons, and daughters. I don't say how many. Thy sons shall be mighty men in the earth, doing the work of God. the Lord shall bless thee in thy basket and in thy store. Thou shalt live long on the earth, shall be satisfied with life, with the blessings of the spirit and the things of the world. Thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart — thy desires shall be given thee. I place a seal on thy head which nothing but transgression shall remove from thee this is thy blessing and is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God. I seal thee up to Eternal life Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:124]

[Patriarchal blessing of James Marvin Adams on May 27, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland the 27th of May 1837. Joseph Smith Sen. the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints, being present and holding the meeting, a Patriarchal was confer[r]ed on the head of James Marvin Adams, son of James Adams, born in Sandersfield, Berkshire, County Mass. May 11th 1806.

Brother Adams, By the authority of the Holy Priesthood with which I am invested, being after the order of the Son of God and in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and bless thee with the blessings of a Father. Thou hast no Father. He was taken from thee in thy younger days. The Lord thy God is now thy Father. Thou hast now power to become a son of God. If thou art faithful in thy duty, no blessings shall be too great for thee. The Lord has looked upon thee from all eternity, and has given thee the Priesthood. His eye is now upon thee, and sees thy work and knows thy calling. Thy name is written in Heaven in the Lamb's Book. It has been written since the days of Abraham. Thou art a son of Abraham. All of his faithful sons shall be saved in the Celestial Kingdom. As thou art of his lineage and as thy name stands written in the Lamb's Book of Life, the Angels of God's presence rejoice over thee. I don't feel to flatter thee, but I say unto thee, that thy heart is pure in the sight of God.

Thou hast a great work to do in the earth. The Lord will work with thee and for thee. The angels of God will be with thee and guard thee by day and by night. Thy soul shall be satisfied with the goodness of the Lord. Thou shalt be blest with the blessings of Abraham. His blessing shall rest on thee and on thy seed from generation to generation. as long as the earth shall stand. Thy Posterity shall have an inheritance in Zion and they shall call thee blessed. My heart feels glad, my hands on the head of one of the servants of God. Thou must stand in thy lot and do a mighty work for the Lord. Thou shalt see the mighty Power of God in the earth, shalt see the accomplishment of his design and work. Thou shalt stand in the flesh with the One Hundred and Forty Four Thousand that shalt stand with the Lamb upon Mount Zion. Thou shalt please God. No Power on earth shall hold thee back. The powers of the upper world shall be upon thee.

If thou desirest it thou shalt have power to translate thyself. Thou shalt have power over flames and fires — Power over winds and Tempests, Power over the raging waves of the sea. No Jails, no bars no Dungeons shall hold thee. Those that dig pits for thee shall fall into them. Pits shall be uncovered. Thou shall be a mighty instrument in the hands of God. shall be the means of saving thousands of souls — they shall be stars in thy crown. This is thy blessing. While I seal it here. I pray God to seal it in the Heavens. It is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God and the word of wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these blessings on thy head. By the Powers of the Holy Priesthood I seal thee up to Eternal life — even so — Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:125]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Elizabeth Adams on May 27, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland the 27th day of May 1837. Joseph Smith Sen. the Patriarch of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, being present and holding the meeting a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Hannah Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Reuben Root and wife of James Marvin Adams born in Augusta, Oneida County N.Y. on the 12th of July 1808.

Sister. In the name of the Lord Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, I lay my hands on thy head and bless thee with a father's blessing in common with thy husband. I bless thee with all spiritual blessings. If thou wilt keep the commandments of God no evil shall befall thee. Thou shalt outride the storms of affliction — thou shalt gain the victory over all thy imperfections. God, who has seen thee from all Eternity has written thy name in the Lamb's Book of life. The Angels of Heaven rejoice over thee. Thou wilt have to come up to the Celestial Kingdom through tribulations Thou wilt be brought to pass through afflictions

and trials that thy faith may be pure. Thou shalt weep over this wicked generation. Remember this Sister, in time to come. Thou shalt live to see the desires of thy heart, for thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart. Thou hast desired to see Jesus and the winding up the scene of this generation.

Thou shalt have Power over Devils and unclean spirits, and they shall not have Power over thee. Thou shalt have power over sickness and sickness shall not have power over thee. Thou shalt have power to minister to thy children in the absence [absence] of thy husband. Thou shalt have a residence in Zion. thy posterity shall dwell with thee. Thou shalt have Power over thy father's family, shalt have power over enemies. Thou art a daughter of Israel — dost belong to the covenant. On this account thou shalt be blessed. Thou shalt stand on the earth and see Jesus Christ. No power shall take this blessing from thee if thou wilt lay hold on it by faith. The Lord thy God will strengthen thy mind, — help thy memory and strengthen thy intellectual powers. Thou shalt instruct many in the principles of righteousness. — shalt instruct the daughters of the Lamanites — shalt speak in the gift of tongues — shalt understand their languages by the power of the spirit. Thou shalt be filled with glory — even the glory of God, if thou wilt live for these blessings — thou shalt bless the Lord that thou didst see my face. This is thy blessing — it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God and the Word of Wisdom. I seal this blessing on thy head. I seal thee up to Eternal life. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:126]

[Patriarchal blessing of Clarissa Aurelia Perry on May 27, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland the 27th day of May 1837 Joseph Smith sen. the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints, being present and holding the meeting a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Clarissa Aurelia Perry, daughter of John Blanchard born in Lebanon, Madison County, New York, the 5th of September 1807.

O God the Eternal Father — thy servant feels for this thy handmaiden — he desires to feel as God feels — let me know her situation — Let thy maid servant feel that thy spirit feel that thy spirit is about her and that in thy hands she is safe.

In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and give thee a blessing — a Father's blessing. My heart feels for thee. Thou hast great anxiety for thy future life. If thou wilt trust in God, thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart. God will bless thee and give thee an inheritance in Zion, nothing shall hinder thee. The Powers of darkness shall not prevail against thee. If thy companion does not repent and give up his opposition to the work of the Lord, the disease which is now upon him shall prevail against him, but if he will repent his life shall be given him and he shall have an inheritance with thee in the city of Zion. Thou hast obeyed the Gospel by being baptized for the remission of sins. Thou didst obey, because thou didst believe. Thy name is written in Heaven — thou shalt be blessed of God. Remember that thy servant who now lays his hands on thy head, says to thee that thou shalt have blessings — shall have friends — shall have children in the covenant with thee.

Thy life shall be lengthened out — thy last days shall be thy best days — Thou shalt behold the glory of God. Thou art a daughter of Abraham — art of the blood of Ephraim. Thy children shall be gathered in Zion. Thou shalt see the glory of God resting on Zion — thou shalt behold the Lord even Jesus, shalt behold him in peace. I seal this blessing on thy head and I ask my Heavenly Father to seal it in Heaven, this is thy blessing. Thou must keep the commandments of God. I seal thee up to Eternal life — even so — Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:127]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Wesley Clark on June 7, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this 7th day of June 1837 by Joseph Smith

Senior. the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of John Wesley Clark, born in Mt. Carmel, Lawrence County Illinois the 24th of June 1819.

Brother Clark, thou art young and need instruction. Thou hast not had a perfect understanding of the faith notwithstanding thou hast been ordained to the office of a teacher. The enemy has power over thee and afflicts thee with fits. God [illegible] between thee and Satan. The enemy shall not have power over thee. In the name of Jesus Christ even Jesus of Nazareth, I lay my hand on thy head to bless thee. I presume to act in the room of thy father. The time shall come when thy father shall acknowledge this as his blessing The time will come when thou shalt through faith, get the victory over the disease which now troubles thee. The disease shall stand rebuked. Thou shalt get power over the devil and the devil shall not have power of thee. Thou dost desire to keep the commandments of God. All thy righteous desires shall be given thee. Thy name stands written in the book of heaven. God is willing that thou shouldst live long on the earth.

Thou art of the house and lineage of Israel of the house of Joseph, a son of Joseph. God has seen thee from eternity and [illegible] thy standing and the work thou shalt do. Thou shalt stand among the one hundred & forty four thousand that shall stand with the lamb on Mt Zion. Thou shalt have power to be healed when thou art sick, having all the power of the priesthood, thou shalt do all manner of miracles Thou shalt have power over winds and tempests, over waters and waves. and over fires, No prison bars nor gates shall hold thee, for thou shalt have the mighty power of God. Thou shalt have power to see thy Savior and behold him as he is. Thou must live near the bleeding side of thy Savior. No good thing shall be withheld, from thee. Thy enemies shall not have power to destroy thee. Thou must keep the commandments and the word of wisdom. Thou must watch over thyself when thou findest joy in transgression, thou must fall down & pray. Thou art blessed with the things of heaven & earth Thy posterity shall be gathered with the house of Joseph. Thou shalt live to see the fulfilment of the great things of God. Thou shalt see the Glory of God and be satisfied. This is thy blessing. I seal it on thy head I seal the[e] up to eternal life. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:128-129]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Augusta Cheesbro on June 13, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Town of Kirtland this the 13th day of June 1837 by Joseph Smith Snr [Senior] the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints a Patriarchal blessing was conferred upon the head of Hannah Augusta Cheesbro born in New Canaan Columbia County S.G [C.?]. 1791.

Sister — with feeling and in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God I lay my hands on thy head and bestow on thee a Father's blessing I perceive sister that thy heart is sorrowful — thy heart is tender — thou hast knoweth truth and hast obeyed the Gospel Thy mind at times has been darkened Thou must humble Thyself before God and pray much The Lord is willing to bless thee and thou shalt be blest. If thou wilt faithfully keep the commandments of God thou shalt be blest more than thou canst conceive. God will send an Angel to comfort thee Thou hast pondered many things in thy heart — Let thy heart be comforted — let thy soul lay hold on faith. Thy mind has taken a stretch and hast surveyed many things Let thy mind expand — let thy soul be enlarged — Thou must increase thy faith Ask great things of God in the sincerity of thy heart and God will give them to thee. I bless thee with a Father's blessing It is possible that thou mayest have posterity — I do not say that thou wilt. Thou art a Daughter of Abraham — art of the covenant and — a child of the covenant The Lord looks upon thee and loves thee — Thou hast suffered in some things — all losses shall be made up to thee Let all the doctrines which thou hast learned of mine [half of line unclear]

The Angels of heaven shall tell thee of thy heart Thou shalt be saved with the great family of God — Thou mayest stand when the Saviour comes if thou wishest it — if thou dost desire it in thy heart — no

good thing shall be withheld from thee — all the just desires of thy heart shall be given thee — If thou art faithful the heavens shall open to thee and thou shalt look within the Vail — for the vail of heaven shall be opened to thee, that thou mayest see — not one jot of this blessing shall fail — it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and “Word of Wisdom!” I seal it on thy head and I pray my Heavenly Father to seal it in heaven By the power of the Holy Priesthood I seal thee up to Eternal Life Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Dana Jacobs on June 13, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Town of Kirtland this 13th June 1837 by Joseph Smith Senr the Patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints A Patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Dana Jacobs son of Stephen Jacobs born in Guilford Windom [Windsor] Co [Vermont] the 16th day of July 1806

Brother Jacobs — by the authority of my office and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head for a blessing thou standest to me as an orphan I ask God to strengthen me that that I may show thee the way that thou must travel and that I may speak as the Spirit may give me utterance may the Lord take from thee all dulicty and give thee confidence I wish thee to know all that thou must lay hold of if thou art faithful thy lot shall be cast in glorious places though persecution shall await thee Thou shalt stand in the midst of Roman Catholics they shall lay plots for thy life the Angels of heaven shall minister unto thee and notify thee of their designs and intentions Thy enemies shall hunt thee thirsting for thy blood yet thou shalt escape Thou shalt have that faith which shall hardly have any limits.

Thou shalt be brought to pass through much tribulation thou must have faith yea Brother thou shalt have more than ordinary faith thou mayest call down the judgement of God upon thy enemies as Elijah called down fire from heaven thou shall be a mighty man among the nations doing a great work and calling many into the kingdom while some shall persecute others shall call thee a God as the heathens did Paul wishing to offer sacrifice to thee in some situations thou shalt stand as Samuel the Lamanite did some shall stumble thou shall stand before the great men of the Earth th[e]y shall be astonished at thee for thou shalt do a great work in their midst some shall wonder some shall believe and others shall persecute thou shalt pass through many countries and visit many of the nations of the earth preaching to them the Gospel of the kingdom the Angels of heaven shall guard thee being daily with thee thy enemies shall flee away before thee and if thou art faithful nothing shall be able to touch thee God will speak to thee and fulfil his word thou shalt be able to fulfil the work which the Lord has designed for thee & cause many to come to Zion with songs of joy

Thou art of the blood of the covenant being a descendant of Israel thou art a son of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim thy Posterity shall be mighty men in the earth and shall chase a thousand and two shall put ten thousand to flight they shall push the people together from the ends of the earth thou shalt stand and see a great work in the earth see the mighty power of God displayed in the gathering to Zion Thou shalt stand with the 144,000 with the Lamb upon Mount Zion thou shalt be able to sing their song no power shall take this power from thee thou shalt fill up thy place in this generation shalt inherit the celestial world Thou shalt have the treasures of the earth and the blessings of heaven Thou shalt have power over thy children and friends this is thy Blessing I seal it on thy head I seal thee up to eternal life

[Patriarchal blessing of Flora Jacobs on June 13, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in Kirtland this 13th June 1837 by Joseph Smith Senr the Patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints A Patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Flora Jacobs daughter of Joshua Pettit born in the Town & County of Niagara New York 1st September 1812

Our father in heaven we stand in thy presence thy eyes are constantly upon us thy Servant feels his

weakness & claims assistance look on this thy handmaiden if any sins lurk about her heart forgive her let her Soul be pure let her name stand on thy book of life let her name stand in heaven I pray for thee in the name of Jesus Christ

By the authority of the holy Priesthood I lay my hands on thy head and confer on thee a blessing which shall reach thy Posterity I bestow on thee a father[']s blessing Thou shalt have power to instruct thy children thou shalt be faithful in the discharge of thy duty for st[r]ength shall be given thee thou shalt have power over thy children Power over their hearts and conduct power over them in sickness thou shall have authority to lay thy hands on thy children when the Elders cannot be had and they shall recover diseases shall stand rebuked The Lord will give thee long life thou mayest be afflicted mayest be brought down in sickness yet thou shalt be able to get up by the power of faith ask God to strengthen thee and make thee faithful in life Thou shalt have a place in a stake of Zion shalt have a residence in the city of Zion thou shalt have the treasures of the earth shalt have many Servants & maid servants shalt have the power of God shall see the glory of God thou shalt have the gift of speaking in tongues Shall have the interpretation of tongues

Thou shalt do a great work in Zion among the Lamanites shall instruct their daughters in the principles of righteousness and in the principles of domestic life All the righteous desires of thy heart shall be granted thee if thou hast desired to tarry in the flesh to see the winding up scene of this generation that desire shall be given thee if thou hast desired to see thy Savior it shall be granted thee If thou will have faith in God and his promises thou mayest lay down thy life or thou mayest hold it thou mayest have thy choice Thou shalt have a celestial (mansion) Salvation I seal all the blessings of heaven and earth on the head Thou art a daughter of Israel a daughter of Ephraim art of the blood of the Covenant thy children shall be gathered with the house of Joseph this is thy blessing I seal it on thy head It is given thee on conditions of keeping the commandments and the word of wisdom I seal thee up to eternal life Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Parker on June 26, 1837]

Samuel Parker's Patriarchal blessing.

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland the 26th day of June. 1837 by Joseph Smith Senior, the Patriarch of the church of the Latter Day Saints, a Patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Samuel Parker, the Son of Daniel Parker, Born in Sanborntown, N.H. 26th day of January 1796.

Brother Parker by the power of the Priesthood, and in the name of Jesus Christ, even Jesus of Nazareth, I lay my hands on thy head and pronounce on thee a father's blessing. I pray for thee that thy faith fail not. Let the Holy Ghost fill thy heart. If thou hast any prepossessions thou must give them up. I do not say thou hast. Thou must sink down into the will of God that thou mayest be great in the eyes of heaven. in the eyes of the Lord, in the eyes of the Eternal Father. Thou hast not had power at all times to discern between the things of God and the things of the world. Thou hast had fortitude to withstand many things. Thine enemies have sought thy destruction many times. Thou hast discerned the truth and obeyed the Gospel. The Lord has blessed thee with fluency of speech and a retentive memory. Thou mayest preach the gospel in its truth and power. Thou mayest yet stand on distant lands. and teach the catholic the true gospel. Thou hast a great and mighty work to do among the catholics and on account of thy strong reasoning powers of mind thou art to go among the priests. Thou mayest be an instrument of bringing many souls into the kingdom, if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord. Thou hast a great work to do among the Lamanites. Thou shalt have power of thy God to do a great work in this generation. Thou canst not travel much by land, but thou canst travel by water. Thou shalt have power over floods to divide and turn rivers. Thou shalt have power over fire that it shall not harm thee. Thou shalt do great things for the kingdom.

Thou shalt be blessed like the brother of Jared and like him see God. God has had his eye on thee from all Eternity. Thou hast a claim on the Priesthood and its powers.

Thou art of the house and Lineage of Joseph the Son of Jacob; thy descent is through the Loins of Ephraim. God thy Father will endow thee with power: No one shall have greater power. If thou doth in thy heart desire wisdom thou shalt have wisdom. If thou dost desire great things thou shalt see great things and do great things. Thou must gather thy children, if thou canst not go thou must send. Thou hast seen tribulation, thy troubles are now wound up. Thou shalt have power over death. Thou shalt have no cause to weep for thy friends. Thou shalt strike hands with the Savior when he comes. The blessing of God shall fall on thy children, and on thy children's children. Thy children shall call thee blessed. Thou art of the blood of Israel and of the covenant, and one of the horns of Joseph, thou must push the people together from the ends of the earth. Thou shalt have the treasures of the earth. Thou shalt feed thy thousands at thy table. May the angel of the presence of God stand with thee. Thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart; this is thy blessing. I seal this blessing on thy head. I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen. Joseph Pine, Scribe.

Recorded August 14th 1843. By. Willard Richards. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:139-140]

[Patriarchal blessing of Aaron Johnson on June 27, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this 27th day of June A.D. 1837 by Joseph Smith sen. the Patriarch of the church of Christ of Latter Day Saints A patriarchal Blessing was confer[r]ed upon the head of Aaron Johnson son of Didimus and Rupamah Johnson born in the Town of Haddam, county of Middlesex Conn. June 22nd 1806.

Brother with ardent desire of my heart and with feelings, I lay my hands on thy head, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and bestow on thee the blessing of a Father. God will hear me if I speak unadvisedly with my lips, I am accountable for what I say to thee. God give me his spirit while I stand to bless thee, the Lord thy God is willing that thou shouldst receive blessings from his hands, that thou shouldst not be an orphan but call God thy father and Jesus Christ thy brother. Thou must keep the commandments and covenants of God and walk in his ordinances and thou shalt be blest, Yea greatly blest.

The blessings of God shall fall on thy head. Thou must not murmur [murmur] against God for murmurs shall not be blessed. Good things are laid up for the saints in the last days, if thou wilt fall down before God and worship him with all thy heart, thou shalt be valiant for the Kingdom and thy heart shall rejoice in the Lord. I leave his as a sign for thee, if thou wilt seek thou shalt know thy duty. I feel as though I could tell it. Yea as though I could speak it but I give away, if thou wilt be humble and faithfull in calling upon God; the heavens shall be opened to thy view. Thou shalt see the visions of heaven, thy mind shall be enlightened and great things shalt thou behold yea thou shalt know the truth for thyself for a certainty.

God has desinged thee for a mighty man in this generation: Yea thou shalt be a great reasoner, Yea it is the will of the Lord that thou shalt do a great work on the earth. Yea thou shalt be brought from one glory to another glory. Shalt go from glory to glory. Thy posterity shall be blest. Yea thy children shall be received into the covenant from generation to generation. thou art a descendant of Abraham. thou and thy children shalt be blest with the blessings of the Patriarch Joseph the son of Jacob. Thou shalt stand firm being able to comprehend the things of the earth and the things of heaven. Thy understanding shall be perfect. You shall conquer the enemy and gain power over the world, the flesh, and the devil. Thou shalt be great in the eyes of the great men of this generation — thou shalt be a councilor — thou shalt have power over thy kindred flesh and rejoice with them. I leave you in the hands of God — thou shalt witness the great things of God —

this is thy Blessing, if thou art faithfull thou shalt receive them in the name of the Lord Jesus I seal these blessings on thy head — I seal thee up unto eternal life, even, so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:225-226]

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Johnson on June 27, 1837]

A Patriarchal blessing Given by Joseph Smith Sen. Kirtland June 27th 1837. upon the head of Polly L. Johnson Daughter of Johnathan and [blank] Kelsey born Killingnorth, Middlesex Co Conn. Sept. 14th 1808.

Sister in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazereth [Nazareth] I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee. I bless the[e] in common with thy husband with a father[']s blessing, if thou hast sinned God will forgive thee; may God give thee wisdom and his spirit. There are great stores of blessings laid up in store for thee by thy heavenly father. Thou must be alive to God be instant in season and out of season. Be faithfull and thou shalt behold the glories of God; thou must instruct thy little ones, and God will give thee an inheritance in Zion. Thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart — thou shalt be blest with health — the powers of thy mind shall be strengthened, if thou art faithfull in all thy duties, and live by faith on the Son of God thou mayest tarry untill the Savior comes in the clouds of heaven.

You then shall abide his coming and meet with his Son Jesus Christ. Yea thy heavenly father has had his eye upon thee from thy youth. thy name is written in heaven in the lamb[']s book of life it shall stand recorded if thou dost not cause it to be blotted out. Remember the glorious things of thy redeemer, thou must not crusify [crucify] him afresh. thou dost not desire to do evil. Thou must guard thy tongue and heart. Thou shalt have peace in believing. Thou shalt be usefull in this generation thy life and thy years shall be lengthen[e]d out — thou shalt see the glory of God. thy natural powers shall be brightened and thy Judgement shall be strengthened. As thou shalt grow in age thou shalt grow in wisdom and understanding, keep the commandments of God and nothing shall be wanting.

Yea, God will give thee the things of heaven and earth; thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart thou art of the blood of Jacob and thy seed shall be blest and gathered with the house of Joseph. God will give thee thy friends they shall stand with thee in the covenant. This is thy blessing in the name of Jesus christ I seal it on thy head by the power of the holy priesthood I seal thee up unto eternal life even so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:226-227]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lyman Clisby on July 17, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting at the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 17th day of July 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen. the Patriarch of the church of latter day Saints a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Lyman Clisby Son of Joseph Clisby born at [blank] Cheshire Co. N.H. 29 Sept 1795,

Brother Clisby, by the authority of mine office I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus even Jesus of Nazereth, and Seal & confirm on thy head a father[']s Blessing, a blessings which is after the order of that of Melchezadec which he confer[r]ed on the head of Abraham thou must Stand at the head of thy family and act as a Patriarch to thy children and wa[t]ch over them, thou must discharge thy duty to all men yet thou art not called upon to cast thy pearl before Swine thou hast come into the Kingdom as a child hast become a child at the age of 40 years thou hast been Baptized for the Remis[s]ion Sins, thy name is writ[t]en in the Books of heaven, in the Lamb[']s Book of life thou art blessed of God, thou must Keep the commandment & covenants of God, and the blessings Shall be to[o] great for the[e] God has had his eye upon thee from all eternity and has seen thy blood thou art of Israel & of the covenant Seed thou art of the Kingdom which god has set up in the last days thou art of the house & lineage of Joseph the son of Jacob

If thou art faithful in Keeping covenants thou Shalt receive a crown of life Jesus Christ died that his

Subjects might be crowned Kings & priests thou Shalt be blessed in all thy laibours [labors] thou must valient [valiant] in the cause and god will bless thee thou wilt become an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ, thou must be willing to lay down thy life if it should be reques[t]ed of thee at the hand of God, thou hast power to call down the power of God, thou Shalt have the gifts of god, and Shall do many mighty works in this Generation Thou Shalt do mericks [miracles] in the name of the Lord Jesus, thou Shalt do wonderfull works, thou Shall become great in the earth shalt become great in the estimation of the great men of this generation. thou shalt be a councilor, the Holy Ghost shall instruct thee, thou shalt seek for council from the mouth of God, thou shalt be able to give instruction to all who shall enquire of the[e], thy life Shall be lengthened out to thee thou mayest tarry [illegible] See the Saviour [Savior] come in the clouds of heaven to see the winding up s[c]ene of this Generation thou mayest have the ministering of Angels they shall instruct the[e] into the mistries [mysteries] of the kingdom, If thou art faithful thou shalt gain thy kindred flesh, Shall bring them into the Kingdom, thou Shall preach to the spirits in prison God may give the[e] posterity, this is thy Blessing I seal it on thy head, I Seal the[e] up to eternal life Amen

G. W. Robinson Clerk & recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:131-132]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Clisby on July 17, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 17th Day of July 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Hannah Clisby Daughter of Michael Mc Crillis & wife of Lyman Clisby born in Northfield N.H. the 7 Day of Feby A.D. 1800

Sister Clisby in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God even Jesus of Nazereth, I lay my hands on thy head for Blessings O God the eternal Father let thy Blessings rest upon me & upon thy hand-maiden let her sins be blotted out let her have vigour of body & mind til the Saviour [Savior] Shall come in the clouds of heaven let angels stand with her, the Lord is willing that thou Shouldest be blessed. God looks upon thee Thy heart is honest in the sight of God. In the honesty & Sinserity [Sincerity] of thy heart thou hast thought on God thou hast been blessed with the blessings of the Priesthood, thou hast been Baptised for the remis[s]ion of thy Sins, let the Holy Ghost baptise thee with fire I d[e]sire that the light of heaven may Shine about thee, thou art a daughter of Israel art of Joseph through loins of Ephraim thou must ask God in the name of his Son that he may bless the[e], I say unto the[e] Sister thou mayest have posterity, in Zion for Generations to come, thy years Shall be many, thou shalt live to see the great things of God, yea Sister thou mayest stand in the flesh and see the winding up s[c]ene of this generation See thy Saivour [Savior] come in the clouds of heaven, I feel to bless thee for I perceive that god has many in store for thee I can not tell the[e] of them In the due time of the Lord an Holy Angel Shall Stand before the[e] and tell thee the great things which the Lord has in Store for thee, thou shalt have power over thy friends & fathers house, thou shalt have the things of the earth & heaven, thou shalt have the Blessings of God & no power Shall withhold them from thee, thy name is writ[t]en in heaven in the Lamb[']s Book, this is thy Blessing. I seal it upon thy head I seal the[e] up to eternal life Amen

G. W. Robinson Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:132-133]

[Patriarchal blessing of Chandler Rogers on August 11, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland this the 11th day of August 1837 by Joseph Smith, Sen. the Patriarch of the Church of Latter day Saints, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Chandler Rogers, son of Philemon Rogers born in Watertown, Litchfield County, Conn. 27 January 1795.

Brother Rogers — By the authority of the holy priesthood, and in the name of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of the world, I lay my hands on thy head and bless thee with the blessing of a father. I ask God the eternal Father to speak through my organs all the things which he would say were he to stand in my place. I pray for thee that the powers of thy mind and body may be under the influence of the Spirit of God, that the affliction with which thou art afflicted may be brought under, that thy body be healed. If thou wilt be faithful thou shalt have great understanding. Thou shalt Come under the power of God, thou shalt comprehend God and the mysteries of his plans Thou shalt comprehend the earth in its order and design. Thou shalt comprehend the Heavens so that thou canst fully understand their order Thou shalt comprehend the Word of God and the mysteries of the Kingdom Thou shalt be able to comprehend the Word of Wisdom, and the wisdom of men

I bless thee with the blessing of a father it shall rest upon thee. The blessing of God shall rest on thy children, they shall bless their childrens that the order of blessing shall not be lost so long as the earth shall stand. No power shall be able to deprive them of their blessing. They shall preach the Gospel. Thou shalt have power over thy posterity. Thou art of the children of Abraham his blessing shall rest on thee in thy outgoings and in thy incomings. Thou shalt do many miracles in the name of the Lord Jesus, Thou shalt do the work of the Lord having his Spirit. Thou shalt be a mighty man in the earth doing the work of the Holy Ghost. If thou art faithful thou shalt receive the ministration of angels; thy life shall be lengthened but, thy years shall be many, no power shall take thy life if thou wilt put thy trust in God. Thou shalt be willing to lay down thy life, and thou wilt say that I am satisfied with the things of the world and the things of the Spirit. I seal thee up against the Destroyer. Satan shall not have power over thee. I ask God to sanction this blessing and seal it in the heavens whilst I seal it on thy forehead here on the earth. This is thy blessing, it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the Word of Wisdom I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Amanda Rogers on August 11, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland this 11th day of August 1837 by Joseph Smith, Sen., the Patriarch of the Church of Latter-day Saints. A patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Amanda Rogers, daughter of Samuel Holister and wife of Chandler Rogers, born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn. the 18th day of May 1797.

Sister Rogers: — In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who was crucified I lay my hands on thy head and bless thee. I pray my Heavenly Father that thy faith fail not. Afflictions and tribulations will present themselves in thy way. The enemy of all righteousness seeks to destroy thee, thou must humble thy self before God and the blessing of Heaven will attend thee. God will reveal himself to thee, things now hid from thine eyes shall be unfolded to thee, so that thou shalt see them. Thou shalt see blessings that are not now conceived of in thy heart. Thou shalt behold the great judgments poured out upon the earth, thy heart will be troubled, thou shalt say let me lay down in the grave a little season rather than live to see the vials all poured out, rather than suffer the great afflictions, but thou must be patient, thou must come up to thy Redeemer through affliction; thou must wash thy robes in the blood of the Lamb. I bless thee with the blessing of a father to make thee equal to thy brethren.

Thou shalt be blessed with life and things of life. Thou shalt have the comforts of the world in a good degree. Thou shalt be satisfied with the manifestations of the Spirit of God. He holds the treasures of the earth, thou shalt have treasures which [thou] dost not know of, if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God. Thou shalt realize that it is God who does bestow favors. God will give thee means by which thou wilt be enabled to feed and clothe orphan children, they shall be fed at thy table. It is the will of the

Lord that thou shouldst have an inheritance in Zion, see much of the work of the Lord, rejoice in his goodness and receive his blessing. If thou art called to lay down thy life thou must not murmur at the dispensation of Heaven. Thou shalt be blest in the Celestial world. This is thy blessing, it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the Word of Wisdom. I seal it on thy head I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Phinehas Richards on September 13, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 13th Day of Sept 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen. Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints a Patriarchal blessing on the head of Phinehas Richards, Son of Joseph Richards born in the town of Farmington in the County of Middlesex Mass. the 15th of Nov. 1788.

Brother Richards in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head Bless thee in his name, Notwithstanding I need blessings from thee, yet I Stand as Patriarch to bless thee, I Pronounce on thy head who art of the lineage of Joseph & Blood of Ephraim, the Blessings of a father the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob Shall rest on thee, that thou mayest be able to Survey this Plannet [Planet] & others that are held by the hand of God, that thou mayest be able to do mericles [miracles] in this last Kingdom, by the mighty power of God, that thy understanding mayest be perfect, & that thy intel[li]gence may reach to heaven, that thou mayest stand as a councillor in the Church of the Latter Day Saints and that thou having receiv[e]d the high Priesthood must preach to this generation the Gospel of Jesus Christ thou mayest proclaim the Gospel to thy Kindred and others in the eastern countries, that mayest Stand before them as a man of God, doing mighty mercles [miracles] in the name of Jesus, when thou goist [goest] for thy family thou shalt be blessed in the way every tounge [tongue] let loose against the[e] shall be confounded, the works of the enmy [enemy] shall not prosper

I Bless thee with all blessings thou shalt have all blessings, thou shalt be able to do all things contained in thy Blessings thy intellectual power Shall be Strengthened the power of thy mind Shall expand, So that thou mayest comprehend the heavens & the things of heaven [illegible] the earth & the things of the earth comprehend the great men of the earth, & comprehend the mistries [mysteries] of the Kingdom of God, thou shalt lay hold of the power of God So that mayest turn rivers out of their courses if thou like Moses be encompassed about by thine enemies If thou art im[m]ured in dungeons & prisons they shall not hold thee. for at thy bidding prisons walls shall fall down, gates & barrs [bars] Shall give away and not hold thee, Thou Shalt Stand in the [illegible] to Which thou art called, till the great work of God is done and till the winding up s[c]ene of this generation till the Saviour [Savior] Shall come in the clouds of heaven with power & great glory, thou shalt see the heavens unveiled & see the great things of God, Thou shalt se[e] Angels & they shall minister unto thee Thou shalt be as mighty as Jared, may comprehend God as did the Brother of Jared, thou shalt do all things that man ever did God thy heavenly Father has raised thee up for that very purpose, Thou shalt hold the priesthood in time & in eternity, Thou shalt have the riches of earth the blessings of heaven shall rest on thy posterity Thy children shall be blessed from generation to generation as long as the earth Shall Stand, This is thy blessing it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the words of wisdom, I seal it on thy head, I seal thee up to eternal life; Amen

G. W. Robinson Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:133-134]

[Patriarchal blessing of William McClerry on October 2, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 2nd day Oct A.D. 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen. the Patriarch of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, a Patriarchal blessing was pronounced

on the head William Mc Clerry Son of William Mc Clerry born in the town of Rupert Bennington Conuty V.t. the 9th of Oct A.D. 1793,

Brother Mc Clerry In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God even Jesus of Nazereth I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee and in his name I bless thee as an orphan child for such thou standest to me whither thou hast a Father or not, Thou hast in the meridian of Life been Baptised for the remission of thy Sins and become a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints Let God baptise the[e] with fire and the holy Ghost, Thou must take hold of the [blank] of the Lord and assist in salling forth that Kingdom which is to fill the whole earth God has called the[e] to do a great work in this generation and when thou goest forth thou hast no one to leave behind thee, Thou must preach the gospel of the Kingdom in this generation and be valiant in the cause of the Lord, Thou mayest yet have posterity who Shall be great in the earth If thou thou art diligent in the work to which thou art called thou shalt be blessed of God, he will give the[e] a companion & posterity it is not the design of heaven that thy name Should be blotted out from among the an[n]als of men

I bless thee with the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob & these blessings include all the blessings of heaven & earth, and they shall rest on thee and on thy posterity, Thou art of the house of & Lineage of Abraham, thy descent is through the Lines of Joseph & Ephraim Thou art one of the Horns of Joseph & must (if thou wilt do the will of God) assist in pushing the people of God together from the ends of the earth, Thou must get instruction in true principles of Faith & go forth and be an instruction to the nations of the earth, Thou shalt be a mighty instrument in the hands of God, Thou shalt be as mighty a Paul in preashing [preaching] to gentiles and as mighty as Peter was in healing the sick, No enemy shall get the masters over thee Thou shalt have power over the winds & waves at thy command they shall be stilled, thou shalt be able to command Storms & Tempests & raging fires, Prisons Gates & bars shall not hold thee if thou wilt live close to the Lord, all evil shall give way before thee, I leave thee in the hands of God let his will be done

Thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion thou and thy posterity shalt be gathered thou with the children of Joseph the son of Jacob, I feel that thou hast not been very visious [vicious] & wicked in thy Life the Lord is willing that thou shouldest live Long in the earth & enjoy the things of the earth, Thou Shalt live to se[e] the winding up s[c]ene of this generation, to See Jesus Christ come in the clouds of heaven with power & Great Glory, thou Shalt Stand in the flesh with one hundred forty & four thousands and sing their song, I feel Brother that thou must preach the gospel of the Kingdom, to the Nations & Kindreds & people of the earth, this thy work and it is the will of the Lord that thou Shoulds do it, This is thy blessing, I seal it on thy head, It is given the on condition of Keeping the commandments of God, & the words of wisdom, By the power & authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal the[e] up to eternal Life, Amen.

G. W. Robinson Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:134-135]

[Patriarchal blessing of Walter M. Blanchard on October 20, 1837]

At a Blessing Meeting held in the house of the Lord in Kirtland the 20th of Octr 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen the Patriarch of the Church of Latter day Saints a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Walter M. Blanchard Son of John Blanchard born in the town of Hamilton Madison Co. N.Y. the 15th of June 1804

My brother in the Lord In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God I lay my hands on thy head to bless the[e] I desire that God may clothe with Salvation that thou mayest realize that thou hast received a dispensation of the Priesthood God has had his eye upon the[e] from eternity he has called the[e] to be a mighty man and do a great work in this generation he will fill thee with intel[l]igence and give the light of heaven, he will give that learning & wisdom which will enable the[e] to Stand before this generation, thou

Shalt see thy redeemer Shalt See his hands and feet and behold the wounds thereof, thou Shalt have it to Say to this generation, that thou hast beheld the Lord of Glory the Lord will give the[e] power of thy enemies So that those that oppose the[e] Shall tremble yea brother thou Shalt be able to [illegible] the power of God nothing Shall hold the Prison bars & goals Shall not confine the[e] if thou wilt lay hold of the power of the Priesthood Waters and floods Shall not Surround the[e], thou Shalt be able to Subdue all things Though persecutors may Seek thy life, Though Assassins may aim their blows at thy boddy [body], yet their blows Shall fall on thy Shadow and not on thy boddy [body]

Thou Shalt have such a blessing as Melchizedek confer[r]ed on the head of Abraham This blessing shall rest upon the[e] & upon thy posterity as long as the earth Shall Stand, yea Brother the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob Shall rest on the[e] & on thy posterity from generation to generation thou Shalt be blessed with the things of the earth, thou Shalt have man Servents [Servants] & maid Servents who Shall be taught by the true principles of richousness [righteousness] & virtue thou Shalt have more bl[e]ssings then my tounge [tongue] can utter thou Shalt realize them this is thy blessing I leave the[e] in the hands of God he will lengthen out thy life, thou Shalt Stand in the midsts & with the one hundred & forty & four thousand being able to Sing their Song thou Shalt stand with them in mount Zion when the Lord Shall come in the clouds of heaven with power & great glory, I Seal the name of God on thy forehead, thou must preach the Gospel to this generation, thy face being Set as a flint. thou Shalt have power over the destroyer nothing Shall be to[o] hard for the[e], thou art of the house & lineage of Joseph, the Son of Jacob thy children Shall be gathered with his children, This is thy blessing it is given the[e] on conditions of Keeping the commandments & the word of wisdom, By the power of the holy priesthood I Seal the[e] up unto eternal life Amen

G. W. Robinson, Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:130-131]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Dickson on October 23, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this 23rd of October, 1837 by Joseph Smith Senior, the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A Patriarchal blessing pronounced upon the head of John Dickson, son of David Dickson, born in Cambridge, Washington County, New York, on the 24th day of August A.D. 1781.

My aged and respected brother: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, I lay my hands upon your head and give thee a father's blessing, a blessing that shall teach thy posterity. Thou dost stand as an orphan for thy father does not understand the order of blessing, though he may know something about the plan of salvation. God has given me the office of Patriarch by the voice of His spirit. I say unto you that inasmuch as thou wilt keep His commandments and covenants thou shalt be blessed and gain the victory over the enemy. The destroyer shall have no power. I seal thee against the destroyer if thou wilt do thy duty to thy children thou and they shall have the blessings of Abraham. Thou art of the house and lineage of Abraham. Thou art sold into the covenant with Joseph, the son of Jacob. Thou and thy seed shall have an inheritance with the seed of Joseph. Thou must humble thyself before God and instruct thy family.

I ordain thee a Patriarch to bless thy family as Melchizedek blessed Abraham. Thou must bless thy companion; tell her of this blessing. She shall be delivered from the calamities that shall come to this generation. She shall be delivered from blood and carnage. Thou must put thy trust in God and have charity. The eyes of God are upon thee; he knows all that thou hast to do. If thou wilt humble thyself before God, the angels shall minister to thee.

God is willing that thy life should be lengthened out; thy days shall be many. God will give thee wis-

dom. Thou shalt stand in the midst of judgments that shall come on this wicked generation. If thou wilt be faithful thou shalt be preserved upon the lake; its waters shall not cover thee. Thou shalt have a part of the Priesthood which is after the order of the Son of God. Thou shalt be instrumental in the salvation of some, having a part of the Priesthood. God will give thee power over all things, may say to the raging lake “be still”. This is thy blessing. I seal it on thy head. It is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the word of wisdom. I seal thee up to eternal life, even so, Amen and Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Isaac Farwell Freeman on December 5, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held at brother John Badger[']s House in Kirtland this the 5th day of Dec 1837, by Joseph Smith Senr, the Patriarch of the Church of Latterday Saints. A Patriarchal blessing was pronounced on the head of Isaac Farwell Freeman, son of Elijah Freeman, born in Hanover, Grafton Co NH. Nov 12th 1795.

Brother Fre[e]man, inasmuch as thou hast been called into the Church, thou art called to be instrumental in Rolling forth that Kingdom which is to fill the whole Earth. In the name of Jesus Chtist the son of the living God, I lay my hands on thy head, for bles[s]ing. I pray God to show me thy blessing that I may tell thee what to do — I desire that I may speak the same words that God would speak, and he stand in my place — Open the visions of my mind — I say unto thee in the name of Jesus Christ that thou shalt have the blessings that thou shouldest have had from thy father — the blessings that thou doest now receive concerns thee and thy posterity —

If thou wilt instruct thy Children in the way that they should go, they will rise up and call thee blessed — they shall have an inheritance in Zion — they shall claim that Inheritance from what is written in this blessing, it being Reccorded [Recorded] in a book — Thou art of the lineage of the Priesthood — thou must open thy mouth — and God will fill thy mouth — doest thou say that thou hast an Impediment in thy speach [speech], the time will come when thou shalt have no Impediment — yea the time will come when an Holy Angel shall touch thy tongue and all the inter[r]uption to thy speach [speech] shall be taken away — Thou hast mind and intel[l]igence and faith, and yet thou doest complain of Impediment and embarras[s]ments —

thou must not complain of impediment but call on God to know thy duty, and he will make known thy duty so that thou shalt know it — Yea brother, God will tell thee that it is thy duty to preach the gospel to this generation — God will pour his spirit upon thee and make thee great in this generation — Thou shalt have the gifts of the gospel — Thou shalt have the power of God and be enabled to do a mighty work — Thou shalt have power to remove Mountains — haveing the mighty power of God on thee. Thou hast a right to the Priesthood and will extend its Powers — Thou shalt be an heir of God, and a joint heir with Jesus Christ — speak the word and evil spirits will obey thee —

God will preserve thee from danger — he will give the[e] understanding and ability, thy bodily and intellectual powers shall be strength[e]ned, and thou shalt be enabled to do a mighty work in the Earth — I bless thee with the blessings of Abraham, Isaa[c], and Jacob — these blessings include the blessings of Heaven and Earth — Thou shalt have the Riches of the Earth — yea the things of the Ea[r]th shall minister to thee — Thou shalt witness the winding up scene of this Generation — shall stand in the midst of the One hundred and forty four thousand that shall stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion — This is thy blessing — I seal it on thy head and Forward — it is given thee on conditions of keeping the commandments and the “word of wisdom” by the power of the Holy Priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life Amen and Amen. —

Joseph Pine Scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of Roxanna Freeman on December 5, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held at the House of John Badger in the Town of Kirtland, this the 5th of Dec 1837. by Joseph Smith Senr — The Patriarch of the Church — of Latterday Saints — A Patriarchal blessing was pronounced on the head of Roxanna Freeman, daughter of Samuel Porter and wife of Isaac Farwell Freeman, born in Pomfret Winsor Co Vt. the 18th Sept 1796.

Sister Freeman let thy heart be Comforted — trust in the Lord who is strength and righteousness — in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazereth [Nazareth], I lay my hands on thy head and seal and Confirm on thee a Father[']s blessing thou dost stand to me as an orphan for thou hast no Father who is authorised to lay hands on thee and Prophecy — thou wilt no longer be an orphan for God will be thy Father — Thou shall be a daughter of God and an heir with Jesus Christ — no power shall take this blessing from thee — The enemy shall not destroy thee — if thou wilt live close to the Lord, nothing shall bring darkness to thy mind, though thou mayest have temptations and trials — Thou hast seen trouble in former days — thy heart has been made sorrowful — thou must not have sorrow over past events let thy trust be in God and press towards the mark of prise [prize] —

God loves thee — shall I say it sister — God loves thee — thy sins are forgiven — the Lord loves thee at this time — Thou must remember thy Covenant which thou didst make at baptism — Thou shalt be of the Covenant of Abraham — thou art of his blood — thou hast been united to Kindred blood — this is the reason why thou art blest and why Children are blest — thou dost belong to that blood which God delighted to own and bless — thy Children shall belong to the Covenant — that shall hear them Prophecy of the great things to come, some of them shall be seers — Thou hast left some of thy kindred flesh behind, thou shalt hear thy Children Prophecy on the day when thy distant friends shall come unto thee Covenant — Thou and thy Posterity shall be guests at that Portal which the Saviour shall preside, at his coming —

If thou wilt exercise faith in God, and in his word, thou shalt stand in the flesh at that time — standing in the presence of the Holy ones — Yea with the sanctified ones on Mount Zion in the presence of the Lamb. I dont say unto thee Sister, but that thou mayest full — Yet thou shalt stand, in the flesh with thy Saviour, when he shall Preside at that great and last feast — the enemy shall not prevail against thee — I seal thee against the destroyer — This is thy blessing — I seal it on thy head — It is given the[e] on condition of keeping the Commandments and the words of Wisdom — I seal thee up to Eternal life, Amen.

Joseph Pine Scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of Luman Andros Shirtliff³ on December 6, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s House in Kirtland this this 6th of Dec 1837 By Joseph Smith sen the Patriarch of the Church of Latter day saints A Patriarchal blessing was pronounced on the head of Luman Andros Shirtliff Son of Noah Shirtliff Born in the Town of Montgomery Hampden Co Mass March 13th 1807

I lay my hands on thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and seal and confirm on thy head the Blessing of a Father I do this by the Authority which my Heavenly Father has confer[r]ed on me Thou dost stand to me as an Orphan for thou hast no Father to Bless the[e] and Prophecy on thy head God will be thy Father thou shall inherit Blessings from his hand God has a vast store to satisfy all the wants of them that keep his commandments and covenants Thou art of The Lineage of the Faithful and of Joseph and of the

3. Shirtliff reported: “After the Patriarch took his hands off my Head and step[p]ed back he turned to me and said Br Shirtliff how do you expect to go to your Field of Labor[?] I replied I do not know[.] I will tell you you will Baptise a Sea Captain and he will carry you to the uttermost parts of the Earth” (“Autobiography and Journal of Luman Andros Shirtliff,” 87, LDS Archives).

House of Joseph the son of Jacob thou hast proceeded from the Loins of Ephraim the son of Joseph the Son of Jacob this is thy Lineage and Blood God[']s Eyes are upon thee and he has seen thee from all Eternity He has allotted thee A great work and thou must obtain his Spirit and do it

Thou shalt be mighty in the Earth the time shall come when mountains shall fall down at thy word if it shall be calculated to bring forth the Glory of God and the furtherance of his work in the Earth The time come when thou shall say to the winds and waves be still and they shall obey you yea Prisons Bars and Gates shal[l] give way at thy word Thou shalt go to the furthest Bounds of the Earth yea beyond the great waters Thou shall go and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to a people off [of] whom you have not he[a]rd And speaking a language which you didst not know whose speech you neaver [never] did hear If thou wilt look to God by Faith he will give you his spirit and thou shall prevail thou shall preach in Tongues and have the interpretation of tongues Thou shall have the spirit and Power of God and prevail I pray God to uphold and support thee and show thee thy duty Thou hast desired to know it Be faithful and thou shall understand and comprehend the Heavens shall comprehend the mysteries of his kingdom And the mysteries of this generation

Thou shall be able to circumscribe the Earth and understand its Formation. I seal thee against the destroyer Nothing shall hurt thee beneath the Heavens All things shall work together for your good if thou will put thy trust in God All things shall be subject to thy word Thou must treasure up these words Treasure up these Blessings I say again thou hast a great work to do and you must do it. Thou shall preach much and Travel much by Land and water Preach much in the world among the Nations of the Earth. Finally thou shalt settle down in Zion with thy Family and have an inheritance in Zion Live therein [therein] seeing the Great Glory of God till the Savior comes Thy children shall have an inheritance with the children of Joseph They shall be Blessed of the Lord from Generation to Generation with the faithful. Go thy way and ponder these things in thy Heart

Thou shall hear the voice of God from Heaven telling the[e] thy duty Thou shall have the ministration of Angels Thou shall stand with the one hundred and forty four Thousand which shall stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion shall sing their song Thou shall have thy Father[']s name sealed on thy forehead Thou shall tune thy voice and sing with Angels Thou shall have treasures of the Earth This is thy Blessing I seal it on thy head and Forward By the power of the Holy Priesthood I seal the[e] up to Eternal Life. Amen and Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Noah Packard on December 13, 1837]

At a blessing Meeting held at the Lord[']s House in Kirtland on the thirteenth day of December A.D. 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen. the Patriarch of the Church of Latter day Saints. A Patriarchal blessing was pronounced upon the head of Noah Packard son of Noah Packard who was born in Plainfield Hampshire County and State of Massachusetts on the 7th day of May in the year of our Lord 1796 —

Brother Packard by the authority of mine office and in the name of the Lord even Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands upon thy head a second time to seal and confirm upon the[e] a Father[']s blessing a blessing that shall not be taken from the[e]; Thou art determined and hast covenanted in thine heart to be a man of God; and and hast continued to stand firm until Now: Thou hast consecrated thine all to the Lord and thy Heavenly Father hath taken cognizance of it and thou shalt receive an hundred fold twice told Thine enemies have taken thy property from the[e]; but they shall not have power to harm the[e] for the Lord will bless the[e] and thou shalt have the riches of the Earth The destroyer shall not have power over the[e] to take thy life because of the sealing power, Thou shalt not fall away from the truth but shall become Great in the Earth, for many shall rise up against the[e] to destroy the[e]. but they shall be smitten to the

ground before the[e] and the arm that is lifted against against the[e] shall be palsied; the tongue of slander shall not succed [succeed] against the[e]: They shall beset the[e] with mobs but thou shalt get the victory over all things.

God will give the[e] the powers of the Priesthood. Thou shalt have power over Prisons; for if thou art cast into Prisons, their walls shall be wrent [rent] that the Glory of God may appear in thy deliverance from their Dungeons; for God shall give the[e] great power, nothing shall be withheld from the[e]. Through thine admynesration [administration] the sick shall be healed the lame shall lea[p] as an heart [hart] and the blind shall see, for thou shalt be blessed because thou hast received the truth Thou shalt have power to rais[e] the dead Mothers shall rejoice, having their children raised from the dead, and presented to them. Thy children shall be blest from Generation to generation as long as the Earth shall stand: for thou art of the covenant seed even that seed which the Lord God delights to bless for thou art of the house and lin[e]age of Joseph the son of Jacob. Thou art one of the horns of Joseph and shall assist in pushing the people together to the ends of the Earth

Thou shalt do a mighty work in the Earth and shall be made instrumental in the salvation of many souls and lead them to Zion Thou and thy seed shall have an inheritance in Zion and shall see the Glory of God. Thou shalt stand when the Earth shall reel to and fro like a drunken man. yea in that day when God shall bring forth all his saints; and if thou desirest it with all thy heart thou shalt have have power as Elijah, to waft thy self to Heaven thou shalt not sleep in the dust for God looks upon the[e] and loves the[e]. The Angel of his presents [presence] shall watch over the[e] and thou shalt stand in the flesh upon Mount Zion with the hundred forty and four thousand and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. Thou shalt stand as the saviour of many souls on Mount Zion, and they shall rejoice in the presence of the lamb. This is thy blessing and thou shall see it all fulfilled. Thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart. And I seal this blessing upon thy head and I seal the[e] up unto Eternal life, in the name of Jesus Christ even so Amen

G. W. Robinson, Clerk & recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:135-136]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sophia Packard on December 13, 1837]

At a blessing Meeting held in the Lord[']s House in Kirtland on the thirtieth day of December AD. 1837 by Joseph Smith sen, the patriarch of the Church of latter day saints. A patriarchal blessing was pronounced upon the head of Sophia Packard Daughter of Ephraim Bundy and Wife of Noah Packard who was born in Southampton, Hampshire County and state of Massachusetts on the 27th day of January A.D. 1800

Sister Packard I lay my hands on thy head a second time in the name of Jesus Christ and bless the[e] with the blessing of a Father. thou hast a Father yet he cannot bless the[e] because he does not stand in the authority of the holy Priesthood. The most of thy Kindred flesh consider the[e] to be a cast away. but I say unto thee, thou art not a cast away, for thou doest belong to the household of faith. Thy name stands recorded in the Lamb[']s book of life. Thou hast had a testamony [testimony] of the truth by the power and spirit of God therefore thy faith cannot be shaken. Thy blessing shall be in common with thy husband. Thy life shall be as his life thy days as his days and thy years as his years and if thou continuest to persivere [persevere] in keeping the commandments of God as thou hast hither too don[e] thou shalt be blest.

And I confirm upon the[e] all the Power of the Priesthood as much as can be upon thy sex. thou mayest Call God thy father for thou shalt have faith to heal the sick when thy children are sick thou mayest lay thy hands upon them in faith and they shall recover. Thou shalt have all things that is expedient if thou wilt exercise faith in God. Thy Children shall be blest from Generation to Generation and shall be a blessing unto the[e] in the absence of thy Companion they shall all stand with the[e] in the covenant and household

of faith Thou shalt live til[l] thou art satisfied with life. and shall see the Temple reared even in Jackson County and thou shalt see the Cloud rest upon it and the glory of God fill the house and shall be satisfied and desire to Go hence and be with Jesus. Thy kindred flesh shal[l] yet come to the[e] and confess their [w]rong and those who have looked down upon the[e] as th[e]ir inferior; shall yet look up to the[e] for instruction; yet thou wilt see affliction for a short season, but after that thou shalt receive of the good thing of the Earth, and shall be made rich Thou mayest live to see the fall of this Generation when wickedness shall be swept from the Earth, yea thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart and I seal the[e] up against the destroyer and unto Eternal life. I seal all these blessings upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ even so Amen

G. W. Robinson Clerk & Recor[der] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:136-137]

BLESSINGS GIVEN BY JOSEPH SMITH SR. IN 1836 OR 1837

[Patrimonial blessing of Rhoda Ballard]

Rhoda Ballard[']s Blessing by J. Smith Senior.

In the name of the Lord Jesus I bless you with a father's blessing. and I seal upon you the patrimonial blessing of Abraham Isaac & Jacob and you shall be blessed for the Lord will watch over you, and Satan will have no power over you of you if you continue to seek the Lord with all your heart and if you continue to call upon him in faith. your mother will yet embrace the new covenant and you shall rejoice with her on this land. You must be obedient to your aunt for she watches over you for good. You must be humble and watchful that your feet stray not in youth, and you shall be blessed with all the desires of your heart in righteousness, even while on earth you shall hear the voice of the Lord and in the end you shall see and enjoy his glory. even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:107]

[Patriarchal blessing of Adeline Ballard]

Also the Blessing of Adeline,

You are now small and your years have been few, but yet the Lord has looked upon you and forgiven you all your Sins. Remember to sin no more and you shall receive the blessings of the ancient fathers, and you shall live to see the winding up scene of this generation. and you ar[e] faithful, angels shall minister to you, and you shall hear the voice of the Lord out of the heavens in his own due time, and you shall be blessed with all spiritual blessings and your eternal salvation shall be secured to you forever, and you shall enjoy the presence & glory of your heavenly Father in his celestial kingdom. even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:107]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Ballard]

Also the Blessing of John Ballard,

You are little but yet John the Revelator has seen you and you shall see him, for the Saints shall watch over you, and if you will be faithful Satan shall have no power over you. but you shall grow up in righteousness before the Lord until the day shall come that you shall be called to the holy ministry and your tongue shall be loosed and you shall be blessed in bringing many souls to you God, and in the end rise triumphant to meet your Savior and so you will ever be with the Lord. All these and all your former blessings I seal upon your head, even so Amen.

Wm. E. M'Lelin Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:107]

[Patriarchal blessing Nancy Richardson]

Blessing of Nancy Richardson,

Sister Nancy thou hast no father therefore I pronounce a father's blessing upon you. and because you have obeyed the commands of your heavenly father. come out of Babylon and brought these little children with you to this place that you might have a better opportunity of knowing the mind and will of God so that you might serve him more perfectly therefore, thou art blessed and thou shalt be blessed. and these children shall grow up and be a comfort and a blessing to you. and thou shalt have thy sister the mother of these children to help you take care of them and she shall come into the kingdom and thy life shall be prolonged and thou shalt live till thou art satisfied with life and at last be saved in the celestial Glory or in other words see the salvation of God. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:106-107]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Shuman (not dated but probably 1837)]

Blessing of Wm. Shuman, by Joseph Smith Senior. Wm. Shuman was born in Fredericksburgh in the province of Upper Canada, aged 46 in Feb. AD. 1836

Brother Shuman, by the Authority of the holy priesthood conferred upon me, I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee. with the blessings of a father. Thou shalt be blest with the blessings of Abraham, that thy posterity may receive an inheritance in Zion, for thou must bless them in a proper time for thou wilt be called to an account how thou trained them up, that thy children may grow up into the true and living way, that they may have power to command the destroyer to depart, and now I ask my heavenly Father to prepare the way and so increase thy faith that thou mayest be able to guard against the destroyer who will seek to destroy thee.

The riches of heaven and earth shall flow unto thee. The angels shall minister unto thee. Thou shalt have a place appointed unto thee in thee in the church in the church in the far west. Guard against the power of Satan and thou shalt have power to command the powers of darkness to stand back. Thou shalt win thy father's family. Thy friends have persecuted thee but thou shalt have power over them, therefore be faithful, brother for I seal thee up to faithfulness; I say be faithful for I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

Hiram Clark Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:107]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary M. Shuman (not dated but 1837)]

Patriarchal blessing received under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior on Mary M. Shuman who was born in Kingston Upper Canada aged 36 years in January 1837

Sister, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee in common with thy husband. that the blessings of the Father may rest on thee; for I say angels shall rejoice over thee. The Lord, thy God takes cognizance of all thy thoughts. Thou shalt have power over thine enemies if thou art faithful. I say to thee be a covenant keeper. pray in the absence of thy husband and I pray that my heavenly Father may let the blessings of heaven and earth rest upon thee I say thou wilt be made rich. I ask my heavenly Father that he will bless thee and teach thee with the finger of inspiration that thou canst behold within the vail I now place this seal upon thee having the authority of the priesthood. I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

Hiram Clark Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:108]

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Blessings by Joseph Smith Sr. Dated 1838-1840

[Patriarchal blessing of William Swartzell on March 4, 1838]

Patriarchal blessing of William Swartzell, Pronounced by Joseph Smith, Sr[.], at a “Blessing Meeting,” held in Rochester, Columbiana County, Ohio, on the 4th day of March, A.D. 1838.

The following blessing was given by the Spirit, through Joseph Smith, Sr., Patriarch of the Church of Christ, of Latter-Day Saints, and pronounced upon the head of William Swartzell, son of John Swartzell; who was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, December the 25th, A.D. 1784.

Brother — I now lay my hands upon thy head, to bless thee in the name of Jesus Christ; and I say unto thee, thou art an orphan, and cannot receive a blessing of thy father, for thou hast no father to bless thee in righteousness. Therefore I bless thee in the name of the Lord, and not only thee, but also thy posterity: — Thou shall be blessed by thy lineage; thy offspring shall look up and call thee blessed, as Abraham is called blessed. Thou art called to magnify the office that thou has been ordained unto, even an office of the Priesthood; yea, the A[a]ronic Priesthood. Thy desire is to serve the Lord, the God of thy salvation. Thou has[t] set at naught the councils of the wise of this world, and has been called to the Priesthood.

Thou art of the household of faith; thou art of the blood of Joseph, and of the seed of Ephraim. Great things are for thee, if thou art faithful, and doth but shun all evil. The enemy of all righteousness will seek to overthrow thee; those who fain to be thy friends, will strive to hinder thee; but put thy trust in God, and serve him, and magnify thy calling, and thou shall be buoyed up above all the snares of Satan. If thou art faithful, thou shall have the administering of angels thou shall behold the power of God, and realize his spirit, which shall make thee acquainted with the way of heaven. Thou hast a work to perform for the Lord, even in thy office.

Thy mission is to the West; thou mu[s]t go to the distant wilds; thou must even cross the Rocky Mountains, and raise thy voice to thy brethren in the Far West, even to many tribes and nations of them that are in darkness, and hunt the distant wilds. Thou art not called to cross the great waters thou need not cross the briny deep, but thou may go even to South America, and do a great work in that land. Thou shall feel the solemnities of an endless eternity to rest upon thee even in that land. Thou shall have an inheritance in Zion, and dwell there with thy family. Thou shall gain thy wife if thou continue in faith, and rejoice greatly. Thou shall speak in other tongues, and prophecy: no power of the adversary shall be able to take thy life; yet thou wilt be tried. Thou must have patience towards thy fellow-men, and charity endureth all things: and if thou continue in faith, and save thy soul, thou shall dwell in the presence of God and the Lamb. Thou shall enjoy great blessing if thou art faithful, and I seal and confirm this blessing upon thy head

by the authority of my office, and the holy Priesthood, in the name of Jesus Christ; inasmuch as thou shall live for God — and I seal thee up to eternal life. Even so; Amen.

E. D. Woolley, Scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyrena Dustin on April 8, 1838]

Patriarchal blessing Cyrena Dustin Daughter of Seth Dustin born January 6. 1817 in Ontario County State of New York which blessing was received under the hands of Joseph [Smith] Senr. Patriarch of the Church of Christ of Latter day Saints at a blessing Meeting held in Randolph Portage County State of Ohio April 8th 1838

O God the Eternal father I ask the[e] in the name of Jesus Christ wilt thou have mercy on this thy hand maid take her ease into thy hands and deliver her from the power of Satan who has sought her destruction and smitten her with infirmity yea he has even as it were seized upon her vitals to hinder her usefulness and destroy her from the face of the earth Deliver her O God from his devises and from every speties [species] of infirmity Deliver her from the grasp of wicked and ungodly men for she is in the Slip[p]ery paths of youth and many will be the snares set to ensnare her feet.

O God have mercy on her hear us in these things hear her prayers have respect to the integrity of her heart uphold her by thine almighty arm and preserve her from the hands of the destroyer. O God be very merciful to her let her days be many let her come into thy presence and behold thy Glory and I say unto thee Sister let not thine heart be troubled let thy confidence be in God be diligent be faithful and I lay mine hands on thy head and I say unto thee thou shalt be secured against the destroyer Satan shall not overthrow the[e] the power of deseas [disease] shall be broken off thy System shall be renovated by the healing power of the Spirit of God and thou be made every whit whole and I bless thee with the blessing of a father and no blessing shall be withheld from the[e] the Lord will give the[e] grace and glory thy name is written in heaven and it is thy privilege to behold the heavens opened on they head be faithful and thy tongue shall be loosed thou shalt sing the songs of Zion and speak in tongues and have the interpretation thereof

thou shalt prophecy and see visions the Glory of God shall shine round about the[e] and thine heart shall rejoice with fulness of Joy thou shalt not be smitten by the hand of the destroyer Angles shall minister unto thee ere long and thou shalt see them and hear them sing Be diligent and prayerfull and thou shalt have power over thy father and Mother to bring them into the covenant thou Shalt go to Zion and receive thine inheritance then thou Shalt behold Zion built up a holy city see the great gathering of the saints and the glory of God appear yea and thy fingers even thy fingers which thou now hast on thy hand shall be eng[a]ged in sewing the veil of the great Temple which is to be built in Zion in this generation thou shalt have a companion and he shall be the one ordained for the[e] in the heavens and again I say unto the[e] if thou art faithful thou shalt not be overthrown nor destroyed see thou to it and I seal these blessings on thy head and seal the[e] up to Eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ and by this Authority of my office according to the will of my heavenly father even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Alexander S. Standley on April 8, 1838]

Patriarchal blessing given April 8, 1838, by Joseph Smith (father of prophet Joseph) upon the head of Alexander S. Standley, son of Richard, born May 12, 1800, Middlessex [Middlesex] Co. New Jersey.

Brother and Son, we the servants of the living God lay our hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, and seal upon the[e] blessings and standing as spoke[s]man to thy father. I pronounce upon thy head blessings which thou shalt realize hereafter. In as much as thou hast been baptized with water for a remission of thy sins, and been conferred [confirmed] by the laying on of hands by those whom God has sent, thou

shalt have the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost. Thy name is written in Heaven, Angels hover around thee. Inasmuch as thou hath taken part of the ministry upon thee, the power of the Holy Priesthood shall rest upon thee. Thou shalt have power to remove mountains, if expedient, thou shalt raise the dead, prophesy, speak in tongues, and proclaim the gospel, and thousands and tens of thousands shall obey the mandate-of-Heaven throu[gh] thy ministry and be stars of rejoicing in the days of the Lord Jesus.

Thou shalt have power over the elements, water shall not stay thee, prisons shall not hold thee, and some will think thee to be God, and seek to worship thee, and no power shall be kept from thee. Thou shalt have power to head the sick, to open the eyes of the blind, and to unstop the ears of the deaf, to cause the lame to walk and the tongue of the dumb to sing. Thou shalt go forth among the nations, and upon the islands of the sea gather up great companies of orphan children and bring them to Zion, and thou shalt have great power over the treasures of the earth, and when thou hast no other means thou shalt go and dig treasures out of the earth to supply their wants. Thou shalt see visions and behold the glories of the other world. Thou shalt preach to the spirits in prisons, and what shall I say more. Thy blessings are great, the hundredth part are not spoken, neither can they be written. Thou shalt receive an inheritance in Zion, and stand with the hundredth forty and four thousand servants of God sealed out of the Twelve Tribes of Isreal [Israel]. These blessings I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, and by the authority of my office according to the will of my Heavenly Father, even so, amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Emanuel Masters Murphy on September 30, 1838]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Sen. upon the head of Emanuel Masters Murphy son of Mark Murphy, who was born in Union district, South Carolina, September 15, 1809. Given at Far West, Mo. September 30, 1838.

Brother: By the authority of mine office and in the name of Jesus Christ the son of the living God I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee, and all the blessings thou art able to bear shall be given to thee, the blessings of Abraham Isaac and Jacob shall be upon thee, and I bless thee with the same blessing which thy father should have blessed thee, if he was a righteous father upon earth; inasmuch as thou hast come into the new covenant, thy life shall be long in the land which the Lord has given to thee. All the powers of thine enemies shall not harm thee, and no weapon shall prosper which is formed against thee. Remember the covenant of baptism and remember the seal of God is upon thee, thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of heaven. Thou must stand up and bless thy children for thou shalt be a Patriarch to them. Thou shalt have all the blessings of the Priesthood, thou must be diligent in preaching the Gospel and thou shalt be the means of doing good; thou hast already done much good.

Thou art of the blood of Jacob and of the seed of Ephraim and if thou art faithful prisons shall not hold thee, walls cannot contain thee, thou shalt stand with the hundred and forty and four thousand, if thou wilt receive the priesthood. be patient and prayerful, pray in the groves and in the forests and thou shalt have power to receive visions of heaven, and thou shalt be a Priest in time and in eternity, and thou shalt preach to the spirits in prison, and have the honor to preach to thy father and mother and bring them into the kingdom. I seal the seal of God upon thy forehead, and seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so, Amen. C. [E.] Robinson Scribe

Recorded by Rob: L. Campbell. Septem. 29, 1860. G.S.L. City. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:145]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nancy Judge Murphy (not dated but probably 1838)]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Sen. on the head of Nancy Judge Murphy daughter of Robert Ester and wife of Emanuel Masters Murphy who was born in Chester district, South Carolina, July 30th, 1813.

Sister! dismiss thy fears; let thy heart rejoice notwithstanding all thy fears and little foibles, the Lord God loves thee, and thy name is written in Heaven. In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee, and I bless thee with a Father's blessing, the Angels watch over thee by night and by day to preserve thee, the Angels shall watch over thy little ones and thou must be patient and faithful when thy husband is absent from thee; for thy companion shall be called away from thee to preach the Gospel to the inhabitants of the earth; hold him by thy faith, and the time shall come when Angels shall minister to thee and comfort thee; hold up the Gospel and teach it to thy friends, and those around thee, for thou shalt preach it, thou art not ordained for every member in the church has a portion of the Priesthood, thou shalt have numerous posterity and thine enemies shall have no power over thee thou shalt have life as long as thou desires it; and thou shalt have servants and handmaids and all the blessings which thou desirest; and I say unto thee I now seal the seal of God upon thee and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so, Amen.

E. Robinson, Clerk. per Wm Smoot, Clerk. Salt Lake City, April 9, 1868, Recorded by Robt. L. Campbell. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:146]

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles W. Hubbard on January 27, 1839]

A Blessing Meeting was held by Joseph Smith, Senior, the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the house of Charles Hubbard in the City of Far West, Caldwell Co., State of Missouri, January 27, A.D., 1839.

Brother Hubbard, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World, in His name, I lay my hands upon thy head and in His name I bless thee with a Father's Blessing and this blessing shall rest upon thy children, and not only upon thy children, but it shall extend down to the latest posterity, and they shall look up and call thee blessed. And I also bless thee with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for it is the will of God for thee to go forth, by the voice of His Spirit, and to call upon the nations of the earth to repent, and God will unveil the heavens to thee and thou shalt look and see the Redeemer, and shall hear this testimony, "That thou hast seen Him," as thou shalt go forth to the nations of the earth, for God hast looked upon thee from Eternity, and thou must listen to the Voice of Truth for thou wilt travel to the nations of the earth and in foreign lands; yea, thou shalt go forth and preach to the people in South America, yea, thou shalt also go to the East and North; be faithful then, for thou wilt have sorrows in all thy days, but in all this thou shalt rejoice and if thou wilt magnify thy calling and Priesthood, thou shalt be blessed, but — not souls [sic] will be required at thy hands, I say thou must pray for thine enemies and not curse to the wild sons of the forest and to many Chiefs and this is the land where thou shalt preach to them and not in another and thou shalt fetch in thousands of them and shall rejoice with them in the Kingdom of Heaven.

And now I say unto thee, it is not wisdom for me at this time to speak all things concerning thee, but if thou wilt be faithful, thou shalt live to see the Savior come while in the flesh, for thou art of the House of Abraham and shall be blessed with them upon the Land of Promise and shall live to see the winding up scenes of this generation and shall be crowned with Celestial Glory. All of these blessings I seal upon thee and seal thee up unto Eternal Life in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ann Hubbard on January 27, 1839]

A Blessing Meeting was held by Joseph Smith, Senior, the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the house of Charles Hubbard in the City of Far West, Caldwell Co., State of Missouri, January 27, A.D., 1839.

Accordingly a Patriarchal blessing was conferred upon the head of Mary Ann Hubbard, wife of

Charles Hubbard and daughter of Jared Bosworth, born in the town of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, August 12, 1816.

O, God the Eternal Father, I ask Thee to smile from heaven in much mercy upon this thine hand maid and keep her hand from darkness and from the power of Satan. And now I say unto Thee, my Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head and I bless thee with a Father's Blessing, for thou art an orphan unto me and shall be blessed in common with thy companion; nevertheless thou wilt not receive as great blessings as him, because of thy sex. Yet inasmuch as thou hast been striving with thy brethren to become a Celestial Saint, thou shalt obtain it if thou wilt only be faithful. But if thou hast murmured in thy heart and found fault with the Heads of the Church or thought they have gone wrong, I say thou must speedily reform from it, for they have gone right before the Lord.

Be faithful and continue in prayer for thou shalt preach to many of thy sex and to many of thy neighbors. Thou are of the lineage of Joseph and now I seal thee up against the powers of the destroyer and give thee power over him and if thou wilt be faithful, Angels will administer to thee and comfort thee when thou are afflicted. I say unto thee, Remember thy covenants which thou hast made, for God is at thy head, and thou shalt see the Redemption of Zion and thine enemies cut off and destroyed out of the land; then thou shalt received an inheritance in Zion in common with thy brethren. I say thou must be delighted for thou hast been called from Nature's Darkness unto the Glorious Light of Heaven; therefore thou must be faithful to thy companion and comfort him with consoling words in all his afflictions and now I seal the blessings of the Living God upon thee so that all the powers of earth and hell cannot take this thy blessing from thee; and now by the Authority of the Holy Priesthood, I seal thee up unto Eternal Life in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Eliza Ann Snow on February 3, 1839]

A Blessing Meeting was held by Joseph Smith Senr. the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at the House of Daniel Allen's Jr. in the City of Farwest Caldwell County State of Missouri. Feb. 3. AD. 1839 A Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed upon the head Eliza Ann Snow Wife of James C Snow and Daughter of John Carter. Born in the Town of Newry Oxford County State of Maine September 28. AD. 1818

Sister Eliza Ann I once more lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee and to confirm the Blessings of a Father upon thee, and I ask God our Heavenly Father to strengthen thy mind and also confirm upon thy head. the blessing which has already been confirmed upon thee. and all that has not been fulfilled may come to pass and now I lay my hands upon thy head again the second time and Seal Blessings upon thee which shall not be taken from thee. if thou art faithful because thy Name is written in Heaven and sealed in the Lamb[']s Book of Life therefore thou shalt live long on the Land and shall receive all of thy Blessing and shall be blessed in all thy day in com[m]on with thy companion. thou shalt also have Posterity & they Shall be great upon the Earth. for the Heavens shall be propitious over them and they shall be blessed of the Lord continual[l]y. thou shalt Live also to see thy Posterity even down to the third generation yea even this child that now hast in thine arms. Shall live and stand upon the Earth when the Downfall of Babylon shall be and shall see the Saviour come. be faithful them. so that Angels may administer to thee. for they will desire thy company and in Night visions they shall administer to thee and guard the[e] from all danger.

thou shalt also be a Mother in Israel and shall be Blessed upon the Earth and shall live to see the winding up scene of this generation and stand when C[h]rist shall come. and shall receive an inheritance in Zion. and be crowned with Celestial Glory. because thou art of the Blood of Joseph through the loines [loins] and Lineage of Ephreaim [Ephraim] therefore thou shalt have wisdom given thee Sufficient to accomplish all

things which thou shalt set thine hands to do for there shall be nothing to hard for thee. and now I say unto thee listen to the voice of thy companion while he is with thee and then when he is gone to the Nations who stand afar off thou shalt know by the Spirit of God where he is. which shall cause thine heart to rejoice. thou shalt also have the spirit of Prophecy so that thou canst understand all things and comprehend all things in thy day and generation. and now I say unto thee be faithful and a crown of Celestial Glory thou shalt receive in the Kingdom of thy Father. which shall never be taken from thee. and now I seal the seal of the Living God upon thee and seal the[e] up unto Eternal Life. in the Name of Jesus Christ Amen.

James C Snow Scribe Recorded Feb[r]uary 3. 1859 in the City of Provo Territory of Utah Utah County James C Snow Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:142]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Walker Johnstun on February 5, 1839]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Senior upon the the head of Jesse Walker Johnstun Son of James Johnstun who was born in the town Ship of Rushcreek County of Perry and State of Ohio, A,D, 1820 in the 1st Month and the 21st day of the Month

Eternal father in the name of jessus of Nazereth I lay my hands upon this youth thou seist that he is an orphan and has claim upon thy servant for A blessing and wilt thou O God condes[c]end to acknow[l]edge him as thy Son Wilt thou acknowledge him in the priesthood for thou seist that he is small in Stature like unto Zacheus [Zacharias] of old and also his bodily Stren[g]th is small that he cannot bour [labor] much with his hands but wilt thou make him mighty to labour in thy vin[e]yard and may he have power to heal the sick to raise the dead & to caus[e] the lame to leep [leap] for joy the blind to see the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak and may he behold the glories of the Eternal world thou Seist the infermities [infirmities] of the flesh that he is Subject to and I pray thee heal him raise him up and make him A mighty minister of the Gospel

and now I say unto the[e] thou art an orphan and I lay my hands upon thy head and bless the[e] with [t]he blessing of A Father and thou shalt be blessed and shalt claim to call the blessings that have been spoken and thou at[t]ain to the hi[gh]est Summit of of glory that mortal man can enjoy thou mayest and thou Shalt have power over the winds and the waves prissons [prisons] Shal[l] not hold the[e] and chaines [chains] shal[l] not be strong enough to bind the[e] This is that which was put into my heart to say unto thee and thou Shalt have a home and A place among the sanctified thou shalt have an inheritance in the land of Zion and shall raise up posterity and thy name Shall not be forgotin [forgotten] among the people of God I Seal and confirm these blessings upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and Seal the[e] up to eternal life in the name of the Lord Amen

Don[e] at the residence of Clark Slades in the City of Fare [Far] west Co, of Caldwell and State of Missouri [Missouri] the 5th day of the 2d month, A,D, 1839 Lisandrew [Lysander] Davis Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Kinney Johnstun on February 5, 1839]

A patriarchal blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Senior upon the head of Hannah "Kinney" Johnstun who was born in the township of Rush creek County of perry and State of ohio AD 1817 in the 11th Month and on the 9th day of the month

In the name of Jessus [Jesus] of Nazereth the Son of Mary I lay mine hands upon thy head and Bless the[e] and I Say unto the[e] trust in Godd [God] to Show the the way of life I desire to Speak unto the[e] the words that Jessus would Speak so that they may be remembered on high and written in A book, thou art an orphan but thy character Stands fare no sin iz [is] chargedble [chargeable] Against th[ee] if thou hast been vane and foolish thou shalt sufferd loss it iz [is] for thy benefit that thou hast been disappointed on some things humble ye thy self and the great God Shall exalt the[e] up and give the[e] Blessings of most unutter-

able value thy virtue is unsullied thy name stands pure and Heaven acknowle[d]ges thy work I bless the[e] with the blessings of Abraham Isack [Isaac] and Jacob and have faith and faint not for thou art one of the covenant people A des[c]endant of Joseph

listen to the voice of them that is placed in a[u]thority and although thou hast experienced affliction and thy Father is no more thou shalt be comforted and Shall have Fathers and Mothers in israel thy name is written Heaven and thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion the Prophet of god shall stren[g]then the[e] so that tho[u] shalt not fall thy life Shall be given the[e] and it shall not be lessen until thou art wil[l]ing to depart thou shalt be preserved the boddy [body] untill the saviour Shall come and Shall rise with christ in the remember to keep thy commandment and remember to keep thy covenant and break them not let no murmuring thoughts enter thy mind and listen not to the voice of the evil one and lo and I seal these and the blessing of eternal life in the name of the Lord Amen

Givin [Given] at the residence of clark Slades in the citty of fare west County of Caldwell and State of Missourie on the 5th day of the 2nd Month AD 1839 Lisandrew [Lysander], M, Davis clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Margaret Johnstun on February 5, 1839]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Senior upon the head of Margaret johnstun daughter of James and Amity johnstun which was born in the township of Monday creek County of Perry and State of Ohio A,D, 1822 in the 1st Month and the 20 day of the Month.

O lord our father who art in heavin [heaven] thou who art all powerfull thou who art the father of the orphen [orphan] and the comforter of the widow we look to the[e] for A blessing upon this our sister Seal upon her head such blessings as Shall be for her good and let it be writin [written] in heaven in A book

and now I Say unto yo[u] thou art in the Slipry [Slippery] path of youth the enemy Seeks thy distruction [destruction] the distroyer [destroyer] Seeks to lay his hand upon yo[u] to bring yo[u] down to the grave But the Lord Shall incircle [encircle] the[e] in his arms thy god Shall hold the[e] for thy Sins are forgivin [forgiven] thy mind is pure thy heart is clean let no darkness rest upon thy mind let thine eyes be open and the vission [vision] of heaven Shalt be unfolded to the[e] angels Shall appear unto the[e] and administer to the[e] and they Shall presirve [preserve] the[e]

I lay my hands upon thy head to Seal these blessings upon the[e] and I Say unto the[e] beware sister for thou knowest not nature of youth and their prowess to Sin but thou art one of the children of the Covenant [Covenant] the Lord thy God loves the[e] and he desires to loose the[e] from the power of the enemy thou Shalt not die but Shall live until thou art satisfied with life thou art An orphen and I bless the[e] with the blessing of A father and I will be wil[l]ing to acknowle[d]ge the[e] in the great day of the lord treasure up the words of life Studdy [Study] to be wise avoid evil company h[e]arken not to the flatteries of the evil one thou Shalt be called the Lord thy God will give the[e] all needed blessings he will Speak to the[e] from the heavens and he will bless the[e] with long life and he will send his angels to minister to the[e] and thou Shalt have posterity and they Shall be A comfort to the[e] now I leave the[e] in the hands of the Lord thou Shalt live to se[e] the temple reared to his name upon the land that he has chosen my heart is fil[l]ed with blessings through the prayer of faith and I Seal the[e] up in the name of the Lord Amen

Done at the residence of Clarke Slades in the City fo [of] far west County of Caldwell and State of Misourie on the 5th day of 2nd month 1839 Lisander [Lysander] M Davis Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Bathsheba W. Bigler on February 7, 1839]

Farwest Coldwell [Caldwell] Co Missouri Feb 7th 1839 A blessing by Joseph Smith Sen, upon the head of Bathsheba Daughter of Mark and Susanah Bigler born in Harrison Co Virgina May 3rd 1822

Our young sister and Daughter thou hast come a considerable distance from thy Father and thou shalt be blest, and not come one single whit behind thy brethren [brethren] in knowledge and understanding. I now bless thee with a Father[']s blessing which shall strengthen thy mind, and I say unto thee thou must be faithful and not give way to the enticing of men or the power of Satan for thou knowest not the subtly that there is in man, and thou wilt have to lean upon the arm of the Lord for strength, if thou wilt thy path will be strewn with honer [honor] and glory, and when thy mind is tempered a right before the Lord Angels will minister unto thee, for thy name is written in Heaven, and the Lord will seal it with his own finger, and it never will be erased [erased], therefore if thou art faithful thou shalt have posterity, who shall be blest, and shalt have a Son who shall be mighty; for he shall be a prophet and Seer; and thou shalt hear him; and thou shalt hear him prophecy of all things, and stand upon the Earth when the lands are married, and enjoy all things when the Earth is cleansed, be faithful and the Glory of God shall rest upon thee, and thou shalt be blest with long life, and all other blessings necessary I seal upon thee, and seal thee up to eternal life, in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha Jane Knowlton on January 21, 1840]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced upon the head of Miss Martha Jane Knowlton daughter of Sidney A Knowlton born Township of [blank space] State of Kentucky on the 3th of June 1822

Sister in the name of the Redeemer of man even the Lord Jesus Christ the Creator who is the author of our being in his name I lay my hands upon thy head as I understand it is by the consent of thy Father and the request of Br[other] Page thy Spiritual Father and bless for the Spirit says bless and thou shalt be blest with a Father[']s blessing Thou art of the House of Israel of the lineage of Josep[h] and of the Covenant of Abraham and nothing can overthrow the[e] if faithful and thou shalt surmount every difficulty and shall ere long be filled with spirit of Prophecy Gift of tongues and instruct the Lamanites in needle work for the Spirit testifies these things were predicted on the[e] at thy confirmation — and if faithful shall abide until Christ shall come God shall bless the[e] all the way through life =

Thou shalt not Marry a Gentile for this is contrary to the Order of Heaven but if thou wilt seek dilligently the Lord shall guide the[e] through the slippery paths of youth and shall give the[e] a Companion of his own choosing = Thou shalt have Children and if faithful they shall receive the Priesthood and in after days shall arise and call you blessed = and now continue faithful and ere long Angels shall minister unto the[e] = I seal the[e] against the powers of Darkness And I say in the Name of the Lord Jesus thou shalt not die but shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye and shall be caught up to meet him in the air And I now Seal the[e] up unto eternal life Amen.

I Certify that this blessing was confer[r]ed by the hand of Joseph Smith senyr at the residence of Asa Smith in Nauvoo on the 21 of Jan 1840 Zenas H Gurly Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Mark Anthony Coombs on April 28, 1840]

Nauvoo, Illinois, April 28th, A.D. 1840. Patriarchal blessing conferred on the head of Mark Anthony Coombs son of Ephraim & Sarah Coombs who was born in Isles borough Hancock Co. Maine U.S.A. on the 8th day of February A.D. 1802 under the hands of Joseph Smith Sen.

Mark Anthony! In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee with the blessings of a patriarch; and I now confer on thee the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant, for thou art of the house of Joseph and of the tribe of Ephraim. Thou hast seen great afflictions in thy days but they have proven blessings unto thee. Be faithful and diligent in thy calling and thou shalt see the kingdom of God roll forth in the earth with mighty power, and as thou art a man of faith thy prayers shall prevail with

the heavens until like Enoch and the brother of Jared thou shalt behold within the veil [veil], and not many days hence thou shalt receive the ministration of the hosts of heaven and thy joy shall be full. Thy mission shall be great and long on the earth and thou shalt preach the Gospel with the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost from land to land and from sea to sea.

And the spirit says thou shalt go unto the Lamanites and speak unto them the words of life and thousands shall believe thy words. Thou shalt be brought to stand before mighty chiefs and they shall speak unto thee in their language and thou shalt ask the Father and he will give unto thee wisdom to speak and understand their language and they shall believe and rejoice to hear thy voice. In thy journeyings thou shalt behold great distress and want among the inhabitants of the earth which will pain thy heart and thou shalt pray unto God and he will open thy eyes to behold the hidden treasures of the earth, of which thou shalt take and minister unto their wants. But I say unto thee my son beware of the Gentiles for they will seek thy destruction for they know not God and are without the feelings of humanity; but they shall not have power over thy life, even if thou shalt go into prisons and bonds thou shalt be delivered by the power of God and thou shalt be a conqueror, and in the day of danger God will deliver thee with his hand. They will smite at thee but the substance shall flee away and the shadow only shall remain with them.

Thou shalt cross the seas and stand in the palaces of Kings and the great men of the earth, and so great shall be thy power of speech that they shall humble in thy presence for the power of God shall be manifested through thee, unto the convincing them of the truth. I now pronounce upon thy head the blessings of a father, as thou hast no father to bless thee, and art to me as an orphan; I say unto thee that there are no blessings in heaven or on earth too great for thee, for there is not a drop of Gentile blood in thy veins, the hundredth part of thy blessings can not be named; thou art even as Abraham, a patriarch in thy family, and when thou shalt have thy children in subjection to thee after the law of heaven, thou shalt lay thy hands upon their heads and bless them and prophesy of all things that shall come on them & their seed down to the end of time. Thy seed shall be great and mighty upon the earth and thy grand children shall desire blessings at thy hands.

Thou shalt also possess the fulness of the earth, silver and gold, flocks and herds, houses and lands; yea men servants and women servants shalt be thine if thou desirest them. Thou shalt live to see the winding up scene and thou shalt preach the Gospel as long as there is a wicked man on earth to hear, and thou art sealed against the power of all wicked men against the powers of darkness and against all thy enemies. Thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life and I now seal thee up unto eternal life and say unto thee thou shalt appear with the Lamb on Mount Zion in the end of thy days with the hundred forty and four thousand having your Father's name written in your forehead and singing the song of Moses & the Lamb. amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Charlotte Haws on June 15, 1840]

Patriarchal blessing confer[r]ed upon Charlotte Haws daughter of Charlotte and John Hirrinton [?] [Haws] born in the State of New York April 8th 1798 by Joseph Smith senr. at his residence in Nauvoo. June 15th 1840. Zenas W. Gurley Scribe

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ the babe of Bethlehem and bless thee with a Father's blessing, for thou wilt be left many times for years, and I pray for thee that thy faith fail not, thou must instruct thy children and in the absence of thy companion teach them to keep the Commandments of the Lord that they may grow up in wisdom before him. I now put the seal of the living God upon [upon] thee thou must pass through great afflictions and I exhort thee to pray much, that thy faith fail not and if thou should be called to lay down thy life, take courage thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Again I say teach thy children to pray in the absence of thy husband, for thou must be a mother in Israel and many of thy sex shall come to thee for instruction. Thou shalt yet see Zion in its beauty, thou shalt see

great and marvelous things and thy life is precious in the sight of the Lord, for thou art a daughter of Abraham, and shall receive your portion with the children of Ephraim, and I now seal thee against the destroyer and I seal thee up to Eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Alpheus P. Haws on June 15, 1840]

Alpheus P Haws son of Peter and Charlotte Haws born October 15th 182[blank] County of Essex Western District Upper Canada

Alpheus, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nasereth [Nazareth], to place a blessing on your head by permission and the authority of the Holy Priesthood, things that shall take place in futurity, behold, thou art in thy youth in the weakness of thy mind and in the days of thy childhood an inheritance in your Father[']s house in the measurement when the line goes forth when He shall reckon up the people and write up the nations, Immortality and Eternal life in the Resurrection of the Just. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Abigail Haws on June 15, 1840]

Abigail Haws daughter of Peter and Charlotte Haws born June 15th 1828 Essex County Western District Upper Canada

Abigail, I lay my hands on your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bless you with a Patriarchial Blessing and a Father's blessing, by permission, which shall rest upon you from time to time by the manifestation of the spirit. Though you are in your youth yet you shall receive the blessing which is according to the promises of God, reaching you in time and in a season adapted to your capacity to be comprehended; you shall have a name which shall be had in Israel, to be had in remembrance and to be perpetuated on record like one of old; the meaning of the same shall be comprehended in the days of experience after you have arrived to more mature age, and the vanity of your youthful weakness be passed away, in stepping on the stage of action great things and the mysteries of the kingdom shall be revealed through the light and influence of the Holy Spirit, which shall arouse your mental faculties and inform your judgment and impress the sense of your duty and responsibility to God when these things shall be manifested, then shall the grace of God wax strong in your favour by which you shall grow from grace to grace and from faith to faith. Then shall your name be called in question by your prudence and your wisdom and the sobriety of your mind which shall bring honour on your head; the same shall qualify you with the fruitfulness that is necessary in all things to bring your [illegible] into honours to be handed down to generations and be perpetuated by posterity and your kinsfolks to the latest generation. You shall be blessed with the mercies of God spiritual and temporal. Days of honour and respectability; many years and a promise of eternal life, a crown of righteousness in the resurrection of the just. Even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Emily Whitmarsh Haws on June 15, 1840]

Emily Whitmarsh Daughter of Peter and Charlotte Haws born July 22. 1823 in Essex County Western District Upper Canada

I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus Christ and with that authority like the authority given to Melchisadeck; place a blessing on your head to be remembered to call your mind to reflect in future years; thy mind shall be solemnized and fixed upon the principles of salvation which is the most important object that can be realized; the days shall come when you shall receive a knowledge of your dependance, and shall feel it verily by experience, and shall be called to serious reflection upon all matters of consequence; then shall your mind begin to be fruitful, and you will appreciate the mercies of God to you as an individual, with your family and to your Father's house.

Then shall the spirit rest upon you and shall begin to wax strong in the love of God, then shall you realize the Blessing and the fulfillment of the promises made to you and to your companion and shall come on your household: the principles of righteousness shall be cultivated and appreciated and because you have hearkened to the precepts that were ordained of God which were sacred and sent forth to the inhabitants of the earth and in obedience to them been baptized for the remission of your sins; you shall receive the blessings of the Spirit from time to time and shall be preserved to share in the blessings temporal in common with your husband; and shall be sealed with a seal of promise and shall receive an inheritance which shall be sensibly realized, in this generation.

I bless you with the gifts and powers of the Spirit, and their qualifying influences which may begin to wax strong in your heart from this very hour, if you will hearken to the precepts delivered, according to your acquaintance with them, and your ability; your name shall be had in sacred remembrance yet, by friends, kinsfolks and posterity, to the latest generations; and your days shall be many and your strength and vigour shall be retained with prudence to good old age and a crown of Life in the resurrection of the Just. Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Simeon A. Dunn on June 22, 1840]

This 22nd day of June, A.D. 1840, I lay my hands upon thee, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and bless thee with the blessings of a Father, for thou art an orphan, and I bless thee with all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and not many months hence thou shalt be filled with the Holy Ghost; thou shalt become mighty in word and in deed, and thou shalt have power to heal the sick and to cast out devils. Thou shalt have the vision of angels, and thou shalt hear an audible voice speaking unto thee to direct thy course in the pathway of life, for the Lord has looked upon thee from Eternity, and thy mission has been known unto him.

Thou art sealed unto the covenant of thy Fathers, and from this time thou shalt be called of the seed of Joseph, for thou art an Ephraimite and one of the House of Joseph, to push the people together from the ends of the earth. Thy mission shall be to many parts of the United States, and also to foreign lands, and thou shalt speak before Kings and Nobles, and they shall be astonished at thee because of the power of God which is in thee. Thou shalt pass through perils and thou shalt be engulfed by the waves, but thou shalt have power to command them, for Satan shall seek to destroy thee but thou shalt return to thy family in peace. Thou shalt have power over thy own kindred flesh to teach them the way of life and salvation. Thy companion shall be blessed with thee and thy posterity after thee, with all the blessings pertaining to the Priesthood, and I seal thee up to eternal life, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of George Miller on July 4, 1840]

At a blessing meeting held at the house of Joseph Smith, Sr., in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, the 4th day of July, 1840, the following blessing was given by the Spirit, and pronounced by Joseph Smith, Sr., Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, upon the head of George Miller, son of John and Margaret, born on the 25th day of November, 1794, in Orange County, Virginia:

Brother Miller, in the name of the Redeemer of the world, the Holy One of Israel, I lay my hands upon thy head, by the power of the Holy Priesthood, as a Father in Israel, to bless thee, and I bless thee with a Father's blessing, and I say unto thee, thou art of the household of faith, and heir to all spiritual blessings of thy fathers, even Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and this blessing shall be upon thy posterity after thee, and thou shalt be a Patriarch in thy family.

I pray that thy latter days may be thy best days, for thou hast seen much affliction, and hast been

tempted and tried, but the Lord has delivered thee out of all thy troubles. Thou hast had a desire to do good, and to serve God, but didst not know the way, and hast joined thyself to a harlot, but the Lord has now opened thy eyes, that thou canst see, and discern between those that serve God, and those that serve Him not. Thou art of the blood of Joseph, and confirmed in his covenant, even in Ephraim, and if thou art faithful thou mayst become mighty, and be one of the horns of Joseph, to push the people together. Thy name is written on high, and registered in the Lamb's Book of Life, and numbered with the blessed of Abraham's posterity; thy tongue shall be loosed, and thou shall be able to confound all gainsayers, and thou shalt go forth even to the ends of the earth, and proclaim the gospel with power; thou mayst convert many of thy former faith; multitudes will gather round thee, and be astonished at thy doctrine, and thou shalt be esteemed as an angel, and the glory of God shall be manifested in thee; thy face shall shine as the face of Moses of old, and thou shalt have great power; therefore, be faithful and live to God, for great things await thee and mighty things are before thee.

Thy heart is right in the sight of God, for thou desirest to do his will, and if thou shouldst step aside it is not intentionally, but for want of wisdom. Thou shalt have the riches of the land as well as the riches of Eternity. Thou shall see the Nephites, that remain in the flesh. The heavens shall be opened and thou shalt behold great things and the veil shall be rent, and thou shalt be permitted to look within the veil and behold that which thou wilt not be able to utter; thy life shall be long; thou mayst tarry until the winding up scene and then be numbered with the hundred-and-forty-and-four-thousand that stand upon Mount Zion;

thou shalt have many blessings, that I cannot speak at this time; the lame shall leap as a hart, the blind shall see, the deaf hear, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel through thy instrumentality; thou shalt be useful, and shalt bring in thy thousands, through thy ministry, and great things shall appear to thee, and marvelous things to be done at thy command, for thou art of the blood of Ephraim; thou art a pure Ephraimite, and thou shalt have power over sickness, and death, and the power of the Holy Ghost shall rest upon thee. If thou art faithful, not one of the least of these promises shall fail, for I seal them by the power of the Priesthood, by my office in the name of Jesus Christ, and seal thee against the power of the destroyer, against the devil and all evil spirits, and every abomination and wickedness, and I seal thee up to Eternal life, in the Celestial Glory of God. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Arnold Stephens on July 6, 1840]

At a blessing meeting held at the house of Joseph Smith Senr in the town of Nauvoo Hancock Co Ill 6th July 1840. The following blessing was given by the Spirit & pronounced by Joseph Smith Senr Patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints upon the head of Arnold Stephens son of Jonathan & Lucy Stephens born 24th August 1802 in the province of Canada

By the authority of the Holy Priesthood, and being ordained an Evangelical minister in the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, to bless in the name of the Lord and to seal them that are members in the kingdom of God — In the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee with a father[']s blessing, and as thou has no father to bless thee I bless thee, and thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of a righteous father and in the covenant of the promise, I bless thee with the blessings of Abraham with the blessings of Issac and also of Jacob and of the covenant of people, for thou art of the household of faith, and entitled to the blessed promises of our fathers, and they shall be upon thy seed after thee from generation to generation,

Thou art of the lineage of Joseph, and shall be a mighty instrument in the hands of God in building up the kingdom of the Lord here upon the earth and shall be one of the horns of Joseph and shall assist in pushing the people from the ends of the earth and not to the ends of the earth for that would be a scattering

and not a gathering but thou shalt gather them — thou art a chosen of the Lord of the house of Ephraim if not by blood, thou art by covenant & the the blessing of that Priesthood shall rest upon thy children & if faithful thou shalt see the sons of God come from the North Country, & thou shalt be crowned with them, and shall meet them in their armies as the Lord leads them by his Prophet, and when the highway is cast up thou shalt rejoice in the glory of God.

Thou shalt have the power of the Priesthood upon thee, and if thou wilt obey all the Commandments of the Lord & do them, his glory shall rest upon thee & thy face shall shine as the face of Mosses [Moses], & many will behold and tremble, & many cannot look upon thee for brightness. Thou hast had thy tongue loosed in a measure but it shall be made loose yet to thy astonishment and thou shalt speak with power, and thou hast desired great things, & it is in thy heart to be great & thou shalt be mighty and do great things, the heavens will even be in obedience to thee & through faith thou shalt command the powers of the Upper world & the heavens shall even be in obedience to thee & thy wisdom & power by faith shall circumscribe the world and the powers of all this earthly ball, Suffer no man to teach thee, Except it is one that is of the kingdom of God and has a higher power than thyself and stands in higher authority in this church when this is the case listen to the word of God and take heed to the Spirit of Jesus Christ —

Thou art called to preach the Gospel and thou hast a great work to do thy mission is beyond the mighty waters thy call is in the East — West North & South even in South America and thou shalt not have passed over half the cities, till the son of man comes in the clouds of heaven, Angels shall minister to thee, the Nephites shall visit thee even the ancient fathers that tarried on the Earth — Thou shalt see the Revelator John, and shall stand upon the earth when he shall lead in his armies from the North and thou shalt see the glory of God manifested, and thy faith shall be increased thou shalt have great power even to raise the Dead heal the sick command the winds & the waves and bid defiance to the Devil and set the king of darkness and all his Angels beneath thy power for thy power shall be manifest through faith — thy privilege is to stand when the Savior comes and then be crowned in the blessing of Joseph and stand with the 144,000 upon Mount Zion —

Let not thy heart shrink for great things await thee if faithful and if thou dost not enjoy them or should fall it will be through thy neglect and disobedience and treasure all these things in thy heart let no delusive Spirit get power over thee and deprive thee of thy enjoyment, for the glories of eternity are thine, and even greater things than are spoken are attainable & if faithful thou shalt be blessed and thou posterity after thee, & I now seal thee up to eternal life and seal thee against the destroyer and the Devil and all abominations and confirm thee in the name of Christ and by the authority of my office — Even so — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of John Landers on July 17, 1840]

Eternal and all wise God our heavenly father, who art the creator of all things, both in heaven and in the earth, and the preserver of our lives, in whose sight our bodies are but a vapor; I ask thee in the name of thy son, to look in tender mercy upon me at this time, and also for purity of heart, that I may administer with clean hands. Behold this thy servant that had lost the use of his limbs, make known to him thy will, and if thou hast blessings for him prepare his heart that he may be in a situation to receive thy word. And now brother, the Lord has heard the prayer of his servant, and I say look unto God for thou canst look no higher.

And I say unto thee I lay my hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the holy priesthood confirmed upon me, and I bless thee, as an orphan, with the blessing of a father, even a patriarchal father, and as thou hast no father to bless thee, I also bless thee with a father's blessing, and seal it upon thee by the power of an evangelical minister. And thou shall have power to bless thy children and shall be a patriarch in thy family, and shall have power by the authority of the priesthood to bless thy kin-

dred, thy children, thy children's children, if they are brought to thee. Thou shalt have all the blessings that shall in any way be to thy glory, and all that thou wilt magnify shall be given thee.

Thy name is written in heaven, and thou art remembered in the mansions of bliss. Thou shalt have long life if it is thy desire, and if thou wilt hold the faith that is in thy power, that thou may remain till the Saviour of the world makes his appearance, and comes to the world without sin unto salvation. Thou wast with him in the beginning, and thy office was appointed to thee, and thou knewest it not. Nevertheless thou hast had thy agency, and has chosen the good part. Therefore speak comfortably to thy companion, speak comfortably to thy children, instruct them in the ways of the Lord, do every duty, remember much depends upon the father. If it is thy desire thou shalt have riches, the Lord will bless thee inasmuch as thou art prudent, and thy poverty shall be done away. Seek to do all things in righteousness that thou may know the Lord, which to know aright is Life everlasting. The visions of thy mind shall be opened and thou shalt behold within the veil, thy days are many, and thou may stand to see great things take place; for it is thy privilege, to have many years of probation, for thou art of the household of faith, and a literal descendant, and of the covenant seed of Abraham, and little or not gentile blood remaining in thy veins.

And I now bless thee as an heir of all the promises made to the fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and I confirm them upon thee and upon thy posterity after thee, from generation to generation, and the blessings of the fathers shall be rich treasure of knowledge, which is the desire of thy heart. Fear not to ask God for great things, for God is great, and can give great gifts to those that will receive them. Let thy mind grow as vast as Enoch's of old, and thy heart expand wide, that thou may be able to receive the treasures of heaven, and thy hands to grasp the treasures of the earth, which shall flow to the faithful servant of God. I bless thee with all the spiritual blessings belonging to the covenant, and confirm these blessings upon thee and thy posterity after thee, through faith and obedience, for after the trial comes the blessing, if thou standest to thy integrity. And I seal and confirm all this upon thee if faithful, and I seal thee against the power of the destroyer, against the wickedness of this world, against the Devil and every delusive spirit, and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Christ, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Robert D. Foster on July 20, 1840]

At A Blessing meeting held at the house of Joseph Smith Sen in the town of Nauvoo, Hancock County Illinois the 20th Day of July AD 1840. The following Blessing was given by Joseph Smith Senior Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints and pronounced upon the head of Robert D Foster, (second son of John and Jane Foster) born in the town of Braunston, County of Northampton, old England, March the 14th AD 1811

My father in heaven, thou who holdest the destinies of all men, and in whose presence we move and have our being, help thy aged Servant, that he may administer in righteousness [righteousness], for the heavens behold this s[c]enery, My Redeemer even Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and Angels [Angels], with all heaven are gazing upon us at this time, and behold this ordi[n]ance that it may be sanctioned in heaven.

And now Brother, In the name of Jesus Christ, by the Authority of the holy Priesthood, I lay my hands upon thy head to Bless thee, thou art an orphan, as to a father to Bless thee, but thou Shalt be Blessed and Shalt be an orphan no more, for I bless thee with all the Blessings of the children of God, I bless thee with the powers of the priest hood, and with the gift of communication, and thou Shalt go forth and teach thy father, and instruct thy Brothers, and thou Shalt have power with them, and the Lord will give thee abilities, to gain the[i]r favour, thou Shalt not loose [lose] thy inheritance, and the[i]r wish to disinherit thee Shall be done away, and you shall rejoice together, and thou be instrument in the hand of God of doing

much good if thou wilt be faithful, be humble, be prudent, be wise, thou must go home to thy friend, and preach to thy kindred, must go to thy native land, even England, to Wales and France, also to many Nations, and proclaim the glad news of Salvation, to this generation thou mayest have many afflictions, and trials, but the Lord will deliver thee from them all, if thou wilt put thy trust in him, and look unto him with full purpose of heart, be patient, for in Patience we possess our Souls, thy enemies will rage, and persecute thee, and foam out their own Shame, and Shall See the error of their ways, and be constrained, to acknowledge their error, and thy truth, the Lord has a great work for thee, if faithful to do all his will, and keep all his commandments, thou art of the tribe of Joseph and of the Seed of Ephraim, being of the household of faith, and entitled to all the Blessings of our forefathers, and the Blessings Shall be upon thee and on thy posterity forever, thou Shall instruct thy companion, if living and gain her, into the kingdom, many of her friends Shall obey the truth, thou must yet go to the west, to the north and to the South, thou Shall yet travel to the east, thou Shall Sail on the ocean, thou Shall cross the mighty deep, thou Shall preach to Captains at Sea, and Baptise them in the briny deep, thou Shall speak to the raging Sea, and its angry waves Shall be Still the winds Shall be Still at thy bidding,

Angels Shall minister to thee if thou wilt exercise faith sufficient to Stand the[i]r appearing thou Shall hear the voice of God, thy mind Shall be enlarged thy understanding Shall grow, thou Shall Stand to see great thing[s] take place, thou Shalt behold thousands fall by the Sword, and hundreds perish in famine, thou Shall See many widows, and the orphans left destitute, but thou Shall have power to take up the orphans and provid[e] for them, for god will be with thee and thou Shall have means to do good, I bless them with the choice Blessings of Joseph, thy Name is written in heaven, and enrol[ed] amongst the Sanctified, thou Shall be one of the hundred and forty and four thousand, I seal all these blessings upon the[e] if thou art faithful to walk in obedience, and keep all the commandments of God and I seal thee against the destroyer, and the Devil, and all delusion Spirits, and the destroying Angle [Angel] Shall pass by thee I seal [thee] up to Eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ Even So Amen

8.

Blessings by Hyrum Smith Dated 1840-1844

(Includes, as Indicated, a Blessing by Joseph Smith)

[Patriarchal blessing of John C. Bennett¹ on September 21, 1840]

A Blessing pronounced on the Head of J. C. Bennett, son of J. and N. Bennett born in the Town of Fair Haven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, August 3, A.D. 1804, by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, September 21, 1840.

John C. Bennett — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ, and inasmuch as thou art a son of Abraham, I bless you with the holy priesthood, with all its graces, and gifts, and with wisdom in all the mysteries of God. Thou shalt have knowledge given thee, and shalt understand the keys by which all mysteries shall be unlocked. Thou shalt have great power among the children of men, and shalt have influence among the great and the noble, even to prevail on many, and bring them to the knowledge of the truth. Thou shalt prevail over thy enemies; and shalt know when thou hast gained power over them, and in this thine heart shall rejoice. Many souls shall believe, because of the proclamation which thou shalt make. The Holy Spirit shall rest upon thee, insomuch, that thy voice shall make the foundation on which thou standest to shake, — so great shall be the power of God. His favor shall rest upon thee in dreams and visions, which shall manifest the glory of God.

Beloved brother, if thou art faithful, thou shalt have power to heal the sick; cause the lame to leap like an hart; the deaf to hear; and the dumb to speak, and their voice shall salute thine ears; thy soul shall be made glad and thy heart shall rejoice in God. Thou shalt be like unto Paul, who, according to his own words, was like “one born out of due time,” and shalt have the visions of heaven open, even as they were to him. Thy name shall be known in many nations, and thy voice shall be heard among many people. Yea, unto many of the remnants of Israel shalt thou be known, and when they shall hear of thy coming they shall rejoice, and thou shalt proclaim the gospel unto many tribes of the house of Israel. If thou shouldst step aside from the path of rectitude at any time because of temptation, the Lord shall call after thee, because of the integrity of thine heart, and thou shalt return to the path from whence thou hast strayed, for God shall illumine the path by the light of his everlasting covenant, and with its light thou shalt keep the way.

God is with thee, and has wrought upon thy heart to come up to this place, that thou mayest be satisfied that the servants of God dwell here. God shall reward thee for thy kindness, and thou shalt be fully satisfied hereafter. Thy soul shall be enlarged, thy mind shall be clear, and thy judgment informed, and the

1. John Greenhow wrote of Bennett's blessing: “I was given to understand that he [i.e., Bennett] received the first patriarchal blessing ever given by Hyrum [Smith]” (*Voree Herald* 1 [Oct. 1846]: 2, Voree, Wisconsin Territory).

knowledge of all these things shall be made clear to thy understanding. Thou wilt have to pass through tribulation, but thou shalt remember the promises of the Lord, and shall be comforted, and shalt have the greater manifestations of the power of God. Thou must travel and labor for Zion, for this is the mind and will of God. Let thy voice be heard, and thy prayers and supplications and thy rejoicings be known. Turn not aside from the truth for the popularity of the world; but be like Paul. Let God be thy shield and buckler, and he shall shield thee forever. Angels shall guide thee, and shall lift thee out of many dangers, and difficulties; and after thou art delivered, thou shalt know they have done it, and thy heart shall be comforted.

Thou shalt have power over many of thy friends, and relations, and shalt prevail with them, and when thou shalt reason with them, it shall be like Paul reasoning with Felix, and they shall tremble when they hear thy words. Thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and if thou art faithful, thou shalt yet be a Patriarch, and the blessings thou shalt pronounce shall be sealed in heaven. Thou shalt have an inheritance among the Saints in time and in eternity, for this is the will of God. If thou continue faithful and steadfast in the Everlasting Covenant, thou shalt have power over the winds and the waves, and they shall obey thy voice when thou shalt speak in the name of Jesus Christ. The power of God shall shield thee while thou art laboring for Zion. Thou shalt outride the storm of adversity with patience, and shalt be crowned with immortality in the Celestial Kingdom, when Christ shall descend. Even so, Amen.

R. B. Thompson, Scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of Howard Coray on October 20, 1840]

A patriarchal blessing pronounced on the head of H[oward]. Coray Son of Silas & Mary Coray born May 6th 1817 in the County of Stuben and State of New York by Hyrum Smith patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Nauvoo Oct. 20th 1840

Beloved brother, I lay my hands on your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to pronounce upon your head the greatest of all blessings, which is the blessing of the Holy Priesthood and is the greatest of all gifts unto men with the exception of one. You are of the Tribe of Caleb according to the manifestation of the Spirit or a descendant of Caleb and according to the blessings of thy lineage are entitled to the blessings made to that tribe and Shall possess them in thy day for you have integrity and zeal for the cause of God. If you were Sent to spy the land you would not be afraid of the Sons of Anac [Anak] notwithstanding your infirmity. The fruitful portions of the land your eyes would behold and that you would contribute with all your heart to God. The desolate portions of the land would not be any Stumbling block in your path, and your testimony on your return would be favorable because of your zeal for the cause which is Sacred. This is a Type for you and a blessing on your head for you to look upon that you may know that God has taken cognisance [cognizance] of your zeal. The fear of the enemy is not in your heart for God has given you courage — has endued you with this gift and your Strength is in God.

You are entitled to the Holy Priesthood by promise, and also your posterity after you and the gifts of the Holy Priesthood and the powers and graces appertaining to that gift are thine. Which gift confers a knowledge of all things concerning the kingdom of God that you may not [be] deceived by the adversary. And it gives power over diseases unclean Spirits and Devils, and power to heal the lame and the maimed which thou Shalt do though the time is not yet but by and by. When you have power to heal your enemies will Say heal yourself and this is a word to Strengthen your memory. You are entitled to the gift of Prophecy and Shall have power to preach the gospel of the Kingdom unto many kindreds nations and tongues. For you shall have the gift to Speak in a language which you know not and your power to prevail will be by the prayer of faith. The besetting evils of your heart must be cast off which are to you best known. Let your

days be days of rejoicing, nevertheless let the Solemnity of eternity rest upon your mind, and when you have Searched into the mysteries of God you Shall know what these things mean why you Should rejoice and your mind be Solemn.

The voice of the Spirit of God Shall whisper to you in a Still Small voice from time to time and you Shall hear and understand when you are called. You Shall be a chosen vessel of the Lord to do many mighty things, which to God may be Small. Yet they are great and your privilege is great and your calling is great and your gift Shall also be great. You Shall have a gift to understand the difference between good & bad. Yea to understand the differences of administrations. And the evil that creeps imperceptably [imperceptibly] into the hearts of the children of men to overthrow them to you Shall be manifest and power Shall be given you to overcome [it to the Salvation of many. You shall learn to be wise, and to seek after knowledge, even the mysteries of God. And in your day, shall the plates containing the Record of Mormon, and the Brass Plates, be brought into the bosom of the church; and also many other sacred records for the benefit of the Saints. You shall become wise before you sleep, in recording sacred histories; for]² you Shall be called an historian. In these things you Shall improve greatly insomuch that there Shall be few greater.

Your days Shall be crowned with honor, and if you will claim it at the hands of God in faith nothing doubting you Shall not Sleep in the dust In your days you Shall have tribulation, but the promises which God has given you, the powers of the Holy Priesthood, and the angels that Shall hover over you Shall Soothe your heart and give you deliverance from your afflictions, and you Shall receive a reward for all your labor & toil at the coming of the Son of Man even: So Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe Merrill on January 2, 1841]

A patriarchal blessing pronounced on the head of Phebe S Merrill Daughter of Samuel & Phebe Merrill born 7th 18 1831 in Elba Genessee Co N.Y. by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints — City of nauvoo Hancock Co Illinois January 2 — 1841 —

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth] to bless you by permission with a blessing which is Patriarchal and parental by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, the authority of Melchisedec, & by the sealing power of providence to attend your footsteps attending you in your childhood which shall call the fervent prayer to God for favors on your head as a child to be perpetuated, sealed by promise, and a decree irrevocable. Tho[ugh] in your youthful days before you rise up unto mature age of reflection shall your feet step aside from the path of righteousness yet a merciful friend shall call after you and bring you back, your mind shall be enlightened your judgement informed through the light of the smiling countenance of a lovely Savior who looketh after the pure and the youthful and obedient schollar [scholar] under his tuition therefore you shall be blessed with a promise which shall preserve you which shall call the attention of attending Spirits which waiteth over the innocent to guard the footsteps of the child and the unassuming & the innocent.

The Lord shall bless you with his holy Spirit which shall rest upon you and wax strong in your heart and your blessings shall be many both Spiritual & temporal your name also shall be perpetuated as one anciently in Israel to be considered and pondered in your heart, to be manifested in due time which shall be sealed upon your head irrevocable — The qualifications which enlighten the mind of every individual shall be sealed upon your head, which is the power of the Spirit — the mysteries of the kingdom. the blessings of long life, and your name to be, perpetuated by the nearest ties of kindred blood to the latest generation. Wisdom knowledge and understanding and every qualification to seal you an heir of christ which is to have

2. The original blessing is missing this portion of the text because part of the page has been lost. The wording in brackets comes from a copy preserved in Coray's autobiography.

power over evil and surmount every difficulty, and to claim the promise of Eternal life — long life immortality and eternal life Amen

**[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of Elder of Samuel Merrill on January 2, 1841]**

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced on the head of Samuel Merrill son of Jared and Abigail Merrill born September 24th 1784 in the town of Lornden Massachussts [Massachusetts] by Hiram Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints at Nauvoo January 2d 1841

Brother Merrill I lay my hand[s] on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place on your head a blessing that is called Patriarchal and that shall be had in remembrance to be read by your posterity by which your name shall be perpetuated to the latest generation and inasmuch as you are [a] descendant of Joseph and in the lineage of Ephraim you have a promise to receive the fulness of the blessings obtained by your fathers and an inheritance in that tribe in which your lineage shall be reckoned which shall be received and realized by you and your posterity in the day that God shall right up the nations and reckon up the people and seal the inheritance to them to the several tribes of the house of Israel by line to be an everlasting inheritance to bring you in full possession of the promises made unto Noah to Moses and unto Abraham which is the example unto the ends of the earth according to the scriptures which saith unto Abraham in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed now because of the promises received by your father by the prayer of faith and the decrees of the almighty before the worlds were there is a Priesthood coming down in lineage to reach unto you for which purpose you are preserved to behold this day which Priesthood shall be confer[r]ed on your head to fulfil the promises obtained by the power of faith and to be confirmed by mine hand therefore

I ordain you an Elder in the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints to preach repentance and remission of sins through faith in the name of Jesus christ and the endurance of faith unto the end which Priesthood I confirm on your head in the name of Jesus christ and a dispensation of the Gosple [Gospel] which shall be given unto you for you shall have power to preach this Gosple [Gospel] at home and abroad or wherever your lot may be cast in your declining years that the blessings the gifts the power and the graces of this Priesthood shall not be lost unto you and I confirm on your head the power of this Priesthood in all its spiritual powers and a privilege of confirming the same on the head of your Posterity as a father and as a Patriarch unto your family your name shall be had in sacred remembrance by them like the name of Melchisedec or a holy Priest unto God under whose hands they have received blessings by which your name shall be perpetuated unto the latest generation, and the day shall come when the spirit shall rest upon you in great power and it shall be like fire shut up in your bones and you must speak and you cannot forbear then shall your mouth speak and your tongue loosed and shall delight to set forth your strong reasonings in your house in the house of your children and in the houses of your neighbors and from house to house and from place to place among many people and by this your salvation shall be perfected through which you shall receive the holy spirit of promise which shall cause you to wax strong in the spirit and seal you up to eternal life If you will seek it with all your heart many years shall be added unto your life your name shall be honored in this generation and notwithstanding the tribulation of this generation you shall rest in peace and receive a resurrection with the faithful Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe Merrill on January 2, 1841]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced on the head of Phebe Merrill daughter of James and Lucy Oder born April 1788 in Cambridge near Albany, N.Y. by Hiram Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints Jany 2nd 1841 City of Nauvoo Hancock Co Illinois

Beloved sister I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bestow upon you a Blessing which shall be Patriarchal and which shall be a consolation to you read it and contemplate on the promises which are recorded you shall receive the blessings of the holy spirit which shall begin to wax stronger on you from this very hour the power of which spirit you have not yet realized but shall begin to realize it as it begins to wax stronger in your heart and greater and greater the same which quickeneth and enlighteneth your mind which gives power to understand and to d[i]scern the light of truth which truth now shineth and shall grow brighter and brighter unto the perfect day your heart shall rejoice in the Law of God from time to time exceedingly which is the mercy of God bearing witness that your faith fail not and being a descendant of Abraham the promises which were obtained for his posterity shall rest upon you as a daughter of Abraham with faith and the principle of faith which was present with you and the blessing of Abraham Isaac and Jacob in their inheritance which promise shall be sealed upon your head and realized in common with your husband children and Kinsfolks inasmuch as the principle of faith which was according to faithful Abraham was present [present] with you the Lord has inspired your heart with his spirit which spirit is confirmed on your head by promise and Sealed to wax Stronger and Stronger until the perfect day the same shall manifest unto you the mystery of God and the spiritual gifts which is placed for the edifying of the body notwithstanding you have come to declining years yet you Shall see many of the sacred things which are hidden which shall be revealed and by them many of the Mysteries of God and because of your faith which is in God and your obedience to the everlasting gospel I will seal upon your head the holy seal of promise even the comforter which is the promise of Eternal life for a witness of the truth of the same joy Shall spring up in your heart when you shall read the sacred words doubt not fear not for these things shall never fail the blessings and the instructions that are given through dreams and Visions shall be your portion and when they administer consolation then you shall know they are from God and when fearfulness darkness and horror shall be administered then reject them by this you shall know the communication of the Spirit of light life and liberty the same brings joy and consolation in the holy Ghost and the Spirit which is promised which is sealed upon your head holds the Key of discernment of good and evil by which you can choose for yourself Everlasting life and obtain it more abundantly by the same power the blessings in common with your husband shall be your lot and portion your name Shall be perpetuated to your Kinsfolks from generation to generation and your head Shall be crowned with honor immortality and Eternal life Even so Amen

**[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of Elder of Philemon C. C. Merrill on January 2, 1841]**

A patriarchal blessing pronounced upon the head [of] Philemon C C Merrill Son of Samuel & Phebe Merrill born Nov. 12th. 1820 in Byrow Genesee County NY by Hiram Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day saints at Nauvoo January 2nd 1841

Beloved Brother I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth agreeably to the holy Priesthood and the authority which God has given me even like unto melchisedics [Melchisedec], I bestow on your head a blessing which shall be ever sealed and perpetuated to the latest generation which is the blessing of the holy Priesthood the greatest of all blessings which can be placed on the head of man and the power of that Priesthood and all its gifts and graces I seal upon your head to be received in the due time of the Lord and

I ordain you an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints and ordain you to that office to preach repentance and Baptism for the remission of sins through faith in the name of Jesus Christ and the endurance through faith unto the end

now I bless you with the gifts of this Gospel this ministry and this priesthood and promise it by au-

thority before Mentioned the day shall come notwithstanding your youth that you shall have influence over the people of this generation in consequence of the dignity of your office wherewith God has called you your tongue shall be loosed to declare glad tidings of Joy from land to land and from sea to sea your tongue shall be as the pen of a ready writer speaking forth the mysteries of the Kingdom reasoning with soundness and with logic setting forth the principles of Eternal life in the power and demonstration of the Spirit passing through trials tribulations and afflictions which await those that proclaim this Gospel but shielded by the Power of God and his Angels which shall hover around you to set you free from chains and bondage which await you although while in your youth you do not comprehend these things but the day shall come when you shall experience them and you shall be exercised with the power of faith and get the victory over your enemies

the blessings of Abraham Isaac and Jacob shall be your lot and a promise of an inheritance in the lineage of Ephraim and the qualifications of a minister of Jesus Christ an Ambassador of truth unto nations when he shall call you which is in [your] future which shall be manifested in the Times and seasons agreeable to the mind of the lord these qualifications you will learn them when you come in the promise of the Priesthood by the gifts which are for the work of the Ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ and the perfecting of the saints the same is a blessing on your head by promise and permission by the faith of your fathers to come to you and your posterity to the latest generation the day shall come when the power of God shall be with you to quicken you and make known the Mysteries of his will by which you shall have power over discernment and shall not be deceived and if it is your desire and seek it with Prayer your name shall be known and be perpetuated your days shall be many your head shall have honor and be silvered over and shall rest upon an inheritance which you shall possess in time and in Eternity and be permitted to worship under your own vine and fig tree none to make you afraid this after you have outrode the Storm of adverse times which await you and your resurrection shall be with the Just even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of William I. Appleby on May 7, 1841]

A Patriarchal blessing, pronounced on the Head of William I. Appleby, Son of Jacob & Mary Appleby, born August 13th 1811 in Monmouth County, New Jersey, by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch.

Brother Appleby, I lay my hands on your head, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, to place on your head a blessing, which is called Patriarchal, — in as much as you are a Son of Abraham, and from the loins of Joseph, you are entitled to the promised blessings, which ere obtained by the faith of your fathers, coming down in its lineage, even the Holy Priesthood, and a dispensation of the Gospel, and the gifts and power, and graces of the Holy Priesthood, — even the fulness, which shall manifest the mysteries of God; The same are the gifts which come by the Holy Spirit to understand even the differences of administration, and every other gift, the gifts of healing — the same make th[e] lame to leap as an hart [hart], the tongue of the dumb to sing, — the blind to see, — the deaf to hear, and the dead to live, the same shall be sealed as a blessing on your head, coming to you through the promise of the fathers, to be handed down to their posterity from generation to generation, unto the latest generation; beginning in this dispensation with you, placing on your posterity by a lawful administration, the same was a promise sealed and on record, which is yet to be translated, and to be brought to light, that you may look upon it, and your posterity, and your name shall be had in honorable remembrance, because of these things — until the latest generation,

and your genealogy shall be made known, tracing it in its lineage until it cometh unto Ephraim, who was the Son of Joseph, who was carried captive into Egypt to provide bread for his Father[']s House, which is a type of a work that shall be accomplished on this land, I seal upon your head these blessings, and promise, which must be fulfilled every whit, and a greater portion of the Holy Spirit from this very hour, which

shall quicken your understanding, and enlighten your mind, and shew unto you things which are essential, both by dreams, and by visions for you shall see visions in the own due time of the Lord, and you shall dream, dreams, by which you shall be warned of dangers, and if you hearken to them you shall escape the hand of your enemies, and shall give you power over them, so that they shall not harm you.

You shall travel from sea to sea and from land to land to proclaim this Gospel, and your labours shall be crowned with great [illegible] in every country and clime where God will send you, You shall be brought before Judges and Rulers for the testimony of Jesus which you shall bear. — But it shall be given you in the very hour, what you shall testify, and your testimony shall make them tremble as did Felix in the presence of Paul, and you shall finally prevail, over all your enemies, and escape their hands, though they seek your life, yet they shall not slay you.

After your testimony, you shall receive an Inheritance, to possess it in time, the same to possess in Eternity. — The Holy Spirit which shall rest upon you, from time to time, which you shall feel as fire shut up in your bones, shall bear Record of the truth of these things, and it was the faith of your fathers, and these promises, which were obtained, that softened your heart, to believe this Gospel of the Kingdom, and that has brought you to this knowledge even to this place, and this blessing on your head, which I seal on your head by the Power of the Holy Priesthood, which is invested in me. Not only this will I seal on your head, but I seal on your head the Holy Spirit of promise. — even the Comforter the second Comforter, which shall abide with you forever. — The same is the promise of Eternal life, that you may never fall; Though you may be tempted, yet God shall deliver you. Though you may be cast into Prison, you shall be delivered, — Though you may be cast [illegible] with sickness, you shall be healed!

Though you may pass through many tribulations, and afflictions sore, You shall remember, that, you have the promise of Eternal life, and ye shall live! and when you read these sacred words, your heart shall be made glad, for Joy shall spring up in your heart, for a witness of the truth of these things, for you shall have testimony, upon testimony, and your testimony, shall abide with you forever, that you cannot fail, but to lay hold of the promises that are made unto you, and sealed upon your head.

I seal upon your head a blessing which shall reach unto your family, for your family shall be blest with you, for they shall know the mysteries of God. And I seal on your head the Holy Priesthood, which is the key of the knowledge of God, for you shall know his mysteries even him. Ye shall know him, and see him as he is. Your days shall be many, and you shall be crowned with blessings both temporally and spiritually, and your name shall have honour, and your blessings on the head of your posterity in perpetual succession, attended with the promise of the Fathers obtained by faith, handed down even to the latest generation. Your head shall blossom with age, and you shall sleep but for a moment. But you shall go down to your grave in peace to be awakened by the trump of God, to rise in the first Resurrection, even so; Amen

Nauvoo. May 7th 1841 R. B. Thompson, scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of James Newberry on May 30, 1841]

Brother James, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place a blessing upon your head, for you and your posterity to look upon; that your name may be had in honourable remembrance unto the latest generation for thou art a descendant of Nathan that Prophet, that with boldness said thou art the very man; when he stood in the presence of the King. For thy heart is a heart of integrity which shall wax strong in boldness, that ye shall not have fear in the presence of the mighty, notwithstanding your age; for thou art a descendant of Israel, in the lineage of Manasseh which was remembered with the seed of Jacob, and in that lineage to receive an inheritance, to be one of the thousand to push the people together to the ends of the earth. And because of the promise obtained by your fathers by faith, you are bless'd

with the holy priesthood which I confer upon you, and seal it with a sealing blessing upon your head, even that which is after the order of Melchizedek and a dispensation of the gospel for the purpose of preaching repentance and remission of sins, through Jesus Christ and the endurance of faith on His name to the end.

Behold it is because of the promises obtained from God by your fathers, that you have this blessing placed upon your head by me, and confirmed, and also the gift of the holy ghost, which revealeth the powers of the holy priesthood, and all its gifts and graces the same that giveth understanding of the mysteries of God, that causes the lame to leap as an hart, the tongue of the dumb to speak, the ears of the deaf to hear, and the eyes of the blind to see, and the sick to be healed, and the dead to live; and to the living that they might have life everlasting. These are the blessings that I pronounce upon your head the same shall come unto you in the own due time of the Lord. For it shall be opened to your understanding that you shall experience all these things by the key of knowledge even the knowledge of God which is the holy priesthood the same is to unlock the door into all these things and to give utterance, and volubility.

Your soul shall rejoice in God with exceeding joy before ye shall sleep, and shall yet preach this gospel for a season with loud proclamation, and with the warning voice to the inhabitants of the earth, to flee the wrath to come, that your garments may be clean of the blood of this generation, and for your labours, and diligence, and benevolence to the suffering saints, you shall have a reward in time, and in eternity; for your name shall be had in honourable remembrance and be perpetuated by your children — your posterity to the latest generation; and this priesthood shall pass down in their lineage whilst the earth shall stand; and your years shall be many yet, for they shall be lengthened out, and honour shall crown your hoary head, for you[r] head shall be blossomed with age: and I seal you up unto eternal life that you shall never fall, though you sleep for a moment, but you shall have a resurrection with the just, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Newberry on May 30, 1841]

Beloved sister I lay mine hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth [Nazareth] to bless you with the blessings of the Patriarch that the blessings and promises made to you may be handed down to your posterity for their benefit: inasmuch as you are a daughter of Abraham you shall be blessed with the blessings that cometh upon the heads of the mothers in Israel the same is only to be experienced and appreciated in the final ultimatum when your glory shall be that of the sun and upon your head a crown of stars which speaketh glory and honour and simplicity.

Behold I seal upon your head the comforter the second comforter — even the promise of eternal life to come forth and cheer [cheer] your heart in the day of affliction and tribulation that when you read these sacred words and your heart shall leap with joy you shall know the promise is true. This is to comfort your heart for it is a comforter in very deed. Your blessings shall be in common with your husband and with him shall receive an inheritance upon the land of Joseph according to his blessings in the dews of heaven and in the fruits of the earth joining to the bounds which is expressed in the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills and your posterity with you and after you the same to posses in eternity. These things I seal upon your head because of your faith in God for you shall know the mysteries of God; your days shall be lengthened out and ye shall have much experience, honour, immortality and eternal life: but you shall rest in peace when your days are finished, and shall be awakened by the sound of the first trump unto celestial glory — even so — Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Temperance Mack on September 6, 1841]

I lay my Hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth even upon the Head of you my Aunt according to the Flesh; to bestow upon you by the power of the Priesthood and the Commandment

of God, a Blessing, being called and authorized unto that Ministry the same is Patriarchal and to be choice and to be had in remembrance by the greatest portion of thy Posterity in time, and the same should be called sacred by all in the World to come; notwithstanding the division in sentiment at the present time the partition Wall shall be broken down by the power of Faith and exercise of Prayer and careful attention the Wall shall be diminished, and the very sentiments of your Religion shall be sought after with eagerness by the residue of your Children, and the desires of your Heart shall be realized in the coming Day, you shall be blessed and your name shall be blessed upon all those with whom you are acquainted, and the Wisdom of god shall rest upon you notwithstanding your advanced age,

and I seal you up unto Eternal Life as a Mother in Israel to rec[eive] a Crown that shall be exalted, that shall glitter in [the] Morning of the Resurrection like the Stars in the Firmament and I bless you with prosperity comfort and consolation in the midst of your Friends, with a full accomplishment of your anticipations in Righteousness, and to your Family and connections, and an Inheritance in the liniage [lineage] of your Fathers, being a Descendant like unto the rest of us and with us in the liniage [lineage] of the seed of Joseph, and because of the integrity of your Heart: — willing and ready to hearken to the principles of Salvation in the first Hour of its proclamation, you shall be Crowned with every Blessing of the Celestial Law as a reward of your Sacrifice in your Days of probation and if it is the desires of your Heart you have only to ask and it shall be fulfilled concerning your Children Whilst you are yet a probationer, and I seal upon you by way of promise for the Benefit of your Children a promise of the Holy Priesthood in its fulness, aside from the liniage [lineage] of thy Daughters or thy Sons that have hearkened to the gospel, and if it is your desire that you should yet experience many Days you have only to ask and it shall be accomplished and your mind shall be fully satisfied, and go down to your grave in peace and shall come forth in the Resurrection of the just Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Susanna White on September 8, 1841]

Susanna I lay my Hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to bless you with a Blessing which is called Patriarchal, for your benefit, and for the benefit of your Posterity, and Kinsfolks, that you might have a Name in Israel, as a Daughter of Abraham in the lin[e]age of Joseph, in the tribe of Ephraim, & as a Mother in Israel, in the due time of the Lord, to receive the Honors of that Blessing in the fullness of times, which is the glory of the Celestial, with a Diadem enriched with the Honors of glittering Glories, in Comparison with the Moon under your Feet, & that your Name might be had in honorable remembrance also, by your rising generation, I Seal upon your Head the gift of Eternal Life, & the Blessings which are Spiritual in the Kingdom of God in Connection with one who holdeth the Keys for the knowledge of God by the Priesthood as in Connection in due time by which you are to be made acquainted with all things pertaining to your Salvation, even the fullness of the Revelations of Jesus Christ in these last days, I bless you with the gift of Wisdom, & with a greater Portion of the Holy Spirit, with an increase of the same for your satisfaction, till you are satisfied, & every desire which is in righteousness to be accomplished in the due time of the Lord, beginning at this very hour till all shall be fulfilled, because of the integrity of your Heart,

The Lord has looked upon your integrity, & moved upon you by his Spirit, & called you from your Native Country, from your Kinsfolks, in answer to the Prayers of your Fathers, & for a wise purpose unto himself, & the same Spirit is like leaven hid in three measures of Meal, which continueth to work until the whole lump is leavened, Notwithstanding the Promises before mentioned, tribulation awaiteth you, Trials, Sorrowings, in them you shall be sustained, & shall be supported by the Grace of God in the hour of your deepest affliction, but, for a witness of the Truth of these Promises you shall have this Sign, the same is an-

other Comforter, that when you read these Lines you shall always feel glad in your Heart, which other Comforter is the promise of Eternal Life, you[r] Children shall have the Priesthood, & their Names shall be Honoured in the midst of the Princes of Israel, and if it is the desires of your Heart, exercised in Prayer, diligently, your years shall be many, and you shall receive an Inheritance to possess in time & in Eternity. Even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Levi Graybill on October 4, 1841]

Beloved Brother, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus, to bless you with a blessing which is called Patriarchal and confirm upon your head your ordination into the Priesthood, and to seal a promise upon you of the gifts of that Priesthood to your full satisfaction. At a more mature age, after experience hath rolled over your head, then shall ye behold the display of the goodness of God, unto your Salvation, then shall ye appreciate all his mercies, and be enabled to do good in your calling wherewith you are called, then shall you be a chosen vessel having received the anointing, and the enduements [endowments], in the Lord's House, then shall your ministry be prosperous, and your blessings not a few and your study from this time forth must be in the Revelations both in the Old and in the New Testaments, all the Words of the Apostles and Prophets, (exclusive of the Law of Moses,) the Book of Mormon, and the Book of Covenants, and if you will be faithful in your calling, you shall have an inheritance in Zion in your Father's House, in the lineage of your Fathers, which is of the seed of Abraham in the Tribe of Zebulon, and a crown of immortality and eternal life, in the celestial glory. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Patience Graybill on October 4, 1841]

The Patriarchal blessing of Patience Gribble Daughter of John & Masse [?] Smith, Born in Henry County, Indiana, the 25th Novr 1825.

I lay my Hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus to Seal a Blessing on your Head, Although you are in your Youth I Seal you up unto Eternal Life, because of your Faith in the Gospel; if you are faithful you shall be blest Spiritually & Temporally, all your Days, & a Friend in your Bosom, & Posterity, that shall be honoured with the Priesthood, & a name in the House of God, & with much of the Mysteries of God, Communion & Fellowship with the Saints, & an Inheritance in Zion in the midst of your Father's House, & with the same Blessings with your Mother & Sisters, pertaining to your Lineage, as a Daughter of Abraham in the Covenant of Grace, & at the same time it shall be fulfilled, & with them ye shall Enter in through the Gate into the City, the promise you will find Recorded in the Revelations speaking of the purifying of the Sons of Jacob, Now I Seal these Blessings upon your Head, a Celestial Glory, Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. 4th Octr 1841.

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Graybill on October 4, 1841]

The Patriarchal blessing of Polly Gribble, Daughter of Michael & Catherine Stoker, Born in Ash County, North Carolina, the 24th Nov., 1792.

Beloved Sister, I lay my Hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place a Blessing upon you for the good of Posterity in ages to come, even that your name shall be called up by the rising Generation, & shall be called Blessed, for ye shall be Blessed because of your faith in the Covenants, even the Covenant of Grace, & shall be numbered with the Seed of Abraham in the day that he shall purify the Sons of Levi, & ye shall enter in through the Gate into the City, & your Children with you, & shall be Crowned with a Crown of Glory, Immortality, & Eternal Life, your name shall be perpetuated with Blessings Crowned upon it, by your Posterity through the Priesthood, & if you will ask diligently in Faith you

shall be blest with many Things which your heart hath desired, & shall be sealed with Eternal Life from this very hour, for a Comfort to you in tribulation, are these things caused to be written, to satisfy your desires. Now if you are faithful you shall have prosperity Spiritually & Temporally, and your Days shall be many, & shall see much of the goodness of God, & shall Sleep in Peace, & shall Come forth in the resurrection of the Just. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. Octr 4th, 1841

[Patriarchal blessing of John Brown on October 11, 1841]

The Patriarchal blessing of John Brown, son of John and Martha Brown, born in Sumner County, Tennessee, the 23rd of October, 1820.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus, to bless you according to my gift and calling and seal the same upon your head. Behold, because of the integrity and seal of your heart you shall be blessed even with the power which the Holy Priesthood invests in man, the dispensation of the Gospel, the anointing and endowment in the house of the Lord, a tongue of utterance and a privilege and opportunity of a trial of your faith in all the world among all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, if you will, and shall prevail in many places and have power over the people.

And if you will be diligent in searching into the sacred and holy scriptures, you shall be qualified for your mission with every spiritual gift and every spiritual qualification in the Holy Priesthood and if you will be faithful in your mission and calling, seeking fervently after the righteousness of the Kingdom of God, you shall be blessed with houses and lands, tenements, gold and silver, flocks and herds, and a heart benevolent and kind in the midst of this generation, long life, and shall see the salvation of God and shall possess an inheritance in time, the same to possess in eternity, your glory shall be a celestial glory. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, October 11th, 1841. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha Jane Coray on November 8, 1841]

The Patriarchal blessing of Martha Jane Corey, Daughter of Sidney A & Harriet Knowlton, Born in Kentucky, the 3rd day of June 1821.

Sister Corey I lay my Hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus, to place upon your Head your Patriarchal blessing, which is, because of the integrity of your Heart, & your desire of Salvation, that I pronounce upon you the promise of Eternal Life, irrevocable, for you shall not fall, but shall be saved, & your Name written in the Lamb[']s Book of Life never to be blotted out, & this shall be your Comforter, in the days of your Pilgrimage, even the promise of Eternal Life which is the second Comforter, to Comfort your Heart in the Days of your Tribulation, which shall be many, notwithstanding you shall be sustained through them all, & shall Triumph over your afflictions, finally, & be lifted up in the midst of them, your Days shall be many, & the Mysteries of God shall be made known unto you, Wisdom & Understanding is your Gift, & in these things you shall be blest, even with the Riches of the Grace of God, & wisdom & knowledge which shall make you wise unto Salvation, & as it pertains unto your Temporal Salvation, you shall soon be provided for, & made Comfortable, & that situation shall Continue, so that you shall not suffer to any great extent for the want of this Worlds Goods, but as to the name it shall be held in Honour to the latest Generation, perpetuated by your Posterity, & as to your your Inheritance, & your Household, shall be with your Father[']s House, shall be with Joseph's Inheritance, upon the Land of Joseph, & you may possess it in time, the same that you shall possess in Eternity, these are the Blessings that I Seal upon you. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. Novr. 8th 1841. James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Maria Eagles Harris on November 12, 1841]

Beloved Sister: I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bless you because it is the desire of your heart and hath been for a long time to receive this blessing which is called Patriarchal. Because of the zeal and integrity of your heart, you shall be blessed both Spiritually and temporally, for this is the desire of your heart, and it shall be given as a reward and in answer to prayer. For the sacrifice and the journeying in leaving your father's home and native country is not forgotten but stands as a memorial for which you are blessed with these promises. And again ye shall be blessed with an inheritance in Zion. The greatness of that inheritance is not known unto you yet, but the day shall come when you shall fully realize its worth. I seal unto you the Comforter which will comfort your heart at all times, in poverty, in want, in prosperity and abundance, in sickness and in health, even the promise of eternal life, which I seal upon you at this time, so that you shall not fall, but your name shall be found in the lamb's Book of Life and you shall have fellowship and communion with the Saints and blessings in the Priesthood, through posterity, unto the latest generation, and your name shall be honored by them and your years will be many, and a celestial crown which blessings I seal upon your head, even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of William Ford on November 17, 1841]

Brother William, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to confirm a blessing upon you, even the Priesthood; the same shall inspire your heart into action agreeable to your calling, for you are called into a high and holy calling, with the rest of us, the weak things of the world, to thrash the nations by the power of the Spirit, you are called to lift your warning voice, as well as others. The witness of your calling is the operation of the spirit upon your heart which moves you to bear testimony and to become powerful in speech. As you have contemplated upon your pillow when you were made tender in your feelings and the desire of your heart was drawn out unto the Lord, the tear of consolation stole its way and rolled off upon the pillow.

Therefore, the day shall come when you shall have utterance and shall, with clearness and perspicuity, speak the word of the Lord to a fallen world for you shall have the power through the priesthood and shall be prospered whenever you shall thrust in your sickle to reap in the harvest of the great field, which is the world and it is already ripe. You must ponder these things from this very moment in your heart for your calling is before you and if you will be faithful in your calling you shall be one of the Lord's anointed and endowed with power from on high and shall prosper spiritually and temporally, long life, and accumulate honor unto your name and blessings to your posterity unto the latest generation. A crown of immortality and eternal life, an inheritance in the days of your probation in the lineage of Manassah shall be your inheritance, also your father's at the final destitution [restitution] of all things spoke by the mouth of the prophets. These are the blessings that I seal upon you, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Electa Murdock on December 4, 1841]

The Patriarchal blessing of Electa Murdock Daughter of Gideon and Rachal Allen born in Litchfield, county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut the fifth day of Dec. 1806 by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of L.D.S.

Sister Murdock, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to bless you, according to the blessings given unto the Daughters of Abraham by their Fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and as a Daughter of Abraham, and a true descendant by the promise of your Fathers, you have been wrought upon and brought into this last kingdom by the promises which they received from God, therefore you are blessed with the fulness of the Covenant to be revealed in its fulness in due time, or in other words, in the

restitution of all things spoken by the mouths of the prophets and also you are blessed, because of the promise which saith, in thee and in thy seed shall the families of the earth be blest, and also he that is baptized into Christ shall put on Christ, in this ye are Abraham's seed, and an heir by promise,

therefore you shall have eternal life and all the greatness, richness, and glory and honour, of that promise in the final restitution and an inheritance in the land of Joseph as a reward of things that are past, coming into the lineage by promise to be sealed as a blessing upon the head of your husband, and as to the knowledge of the mysteries of God, and every spiritual blessing which cometh unto the children of men in the order of his kingdom, shall be in common with your husband, so also all temporal blessings, and in these things you shall be blest, and prospered, and as to your days or years they shall be in common like as the days of your husband shall be lengthened out according to your faith shall it be done unto you, even both of you. And as it pertains to your honor or name that shall be perpetuated, it shall be handed down to posterity, to the latest generation, through the Priesthood which shall magnify in the hands of your posterity, and make their posterities honorable. Behold I seal you up unto eternal life. This is a blessing I seal upon you irrevocable, and as to your Inheritance and your household it shall be in common with your father[']s house. These are the blessings that I seal upon you, even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Ills. Dec. 4th, 1841 James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Rufas Beach on December 7, 1841]

Brother Rufas, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to place a Blessing upon you because you have desired it, which Blessing shall be by way of Promise, in many things, which shall be fulfilled hereafter, for notwithstanding the power of the adversary which surrounds you, and the affliction which has come upon you which causeth sorrow to spring up in your Heart, if you will but be steadfast, and be determined to act upon the principals of Truth, and suffer yourself not to fall into transgression, and you shall be blest; also you and your House; Your Habitation, and shall prosper Spiritually, and Temporally, and your light afflictions shall be for your good, and you shall be blest also in the power of the Priesthood, and with it comes the fulness in due time, and this Priesthood shall be handed down unto future Generations, from you, in the lives of your Children, even upon your Sons sons unto the last Generation, for they shall come to the knowledge of the things of God; in time, and be called and chosen, and this also shall be a blessing unto you, and as to the Priesthood, it shall clearly manifest unto you, your duty Gift, and Calling, and its gift, and Calling, and its gifts and Graces shall be yours, and an indowment [endowment], and an anointing, in the House of the Lord, and an Inheritance for you, and your house, and your Father's house, in Joseph, in the land of Joseph, of whom ye are a des[c]endant, and shall be sealed up unto Eternal Life, Therefore lift up your head and rejoice, let nothing afflict you, but believe for in Christ you shall be made whole, and shall have a celestial Crown; these are the promises and Bles[s]ings I seal upon you, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Edward Phillips on December 20, 1841]

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place a blessing upon you according to the office of my calling, which blessing shall be spiritual and temporal, spiritually through faith and obedience to the everlasting covenant, and to the calling wherewith you may be called, notwithstanding it is in the days of your youth. Therefore, the time may come when you may be called unto a holy calling, wherein you may be made responsible to officiate and magnify a calling that is most Holy, and then and there you shall be enlightened and the days of your youth shall have passed by, and you shall be brought to experience the age of more ripe years. Now as to your temporal and spiritual prosperity shall be in common with the saints in this generation until that day shall come when the above shall be fulfilled and as to your

inheritance shall be in the house of your fathers. Suffice it to say, it shall be in Zion, even the New Jerusalem, in the covenant made to the house of Israel, for you are an Israelite and of the house of Jacob, and as to your days, they shall be prolonged if you are faithful, and a crown of life shall be given unto you in the Mansion of your Father. These blessings I seal upon you. Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles C. Rich on January 10, 1842]

The Patriarchal blessing of Charles C. Rich Son of Joseph & Nancy Rich Born in Camel County Kentucky the 21st day of August 1809.

Brother Charles I lay my hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth] to bless you with the Gift & power & Graces of the Holy Priesthood which has been placed upon you [torn] for you shall [illegible] with the power of God with the holy anointing for a preparation for the la[s]t Testimony unto the nations of the Gentiles that you may go unto the House of Israel for you shall be prepared in the day of the power of God even the Day that his people shall be made willing to bear Testimony in the Language of the Nations of Israel that are scattered upon the face of the whole earth for your preparation shall be with means prepared in the providence of God to have your House & Habitation for the last and great Testimony which you shall help to make unto the nations of the Earth as one of the horns of Joseph and to push the people together from the ends of the Earth and to bind up the law & to seal up the Testimony for the last time for this is a calling wherewith you are called & chosen. this is your calling & your Priesthood as it has come unto you in the Line[a]ge of your Fathers according to the promises they obtained by faith & this Priesthood shall be handed down unto your Posterity unto the latest Generation

& your name shall be kept honorable & held in sacred remembrance and perpetual unto the latest Generation and the Blessings of God shall rest upon you & upon your House & upon your Posterity and you shall prosper in all your laudable undertaking in your ministry in the labour of your Hands in Basket & in store shall you be blest in your fields & flocks & herds & your Habitation & Inheritances & shall have power over your enemie [enemy] as the reward for the Integrity of your Heart & you shall [l] have an Inheritance in the Line[agle] of your Fathers in the Land of Joseph [ac]cording to the Blessing [illegible] that should be blest in the last days for this is according to your Lineage & Tribe the same you may possess in time & shall possess in Eternity if your faith fail not & thus is the Inheritance of your Father as also your Father in Law & his house. thus shall ye possess the Land of you[r] Inheritance & your name is written & shall not be blotted out. & you are sealed with a blessing & Gift that is eternal which is the greatest of all Blessings. these things I seal upon your Head. Even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Ill. Jany. 10th 1842

[Patriarchal blessing of James Pace on January 10, 1842]

The Patriarchal blessing of James Pace Son of James and Mary Ann Lovin Pace born in Middle Tennessee the 15th day of June 1811.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth], to place a blessing upon you, for your consolation, to be fulfilled hereafter, which blessing shall be by promise, and sealed by the sealing Power which is invested in me, for the time shall come when you shall feel the power of God to work which shall work until the great object in view, shall be accomplished, for his spirit shall [be] upon you, in power as upon the Residue of his Servants, which he hath called and chosen to prune the vin[e]yard for the last time, and to push the People together from the ends of the Earth, as the Horns of Joseph as the thousand of Mannassah [Manasseh], and the tens of thousands of Ephream [Ephraim]. There-

fore ye are called and chosen and shall be blest in your calling, for ye are of Joseph in the lineage of Ephraim, and your calling and Inheritance shall be accordingly, and ye shall be blest with the Anointing and the Endowment in the house of the Lord, and shall be qualified with due diligence shall it be accomplished, even your mission according to your calling you shall be blest, Spiritually and Temporally also which are minor blessing aside from the importance of your calling, and your years shall be many, and crowned with an Holy Head and a Celestial Crown in the resur[r]ection of the Just, together with the order and power of the Priesthood upon the heads of your posterity, unto the latest generation. These promises I seal upon you even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lucinda Pace on January 10, 1842]

The Patriarchal blessing of Lucinda Pace daughter of Warren G and Poly Strickland. Born in South Carolina the 16th day of June 1805.

Beloved Sister, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to bless you, and to seal you up unto Eternal Life, as a reward for the integrity of your heart, and for your consolation in the future, so that when you read the promises made to you, it shall cause your heart to be swol[l]en with gratitude, then shall you remember the Lord your God, which hath and will preserve you from sickness and many afflictions if you will be faithful to keep his commandments and you shall be blest with communion and fellowship with the Saints that are honorable, and the Holy Spirits and shall be blest in your House and Habitation and the things that are around you, for God will richly laden you with his blessings, if you will continues unshaken in your confidence in him and your days shall be many also, and you shall be numbered in the Covenant until Abraham Isaac and Jacob as a daughter of Abraham, to be blest as Sarah and Rachel and as to your inheritance, and the knowledge of the mysteries of God, and all your affairs Temporal shall be in common with your Husband, the mysteries of God through the Key of Knowledge that is given to him and the power as your head, now I seal these blessings upon your head according to the [tenor?] thereof irrevocable. Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Wolsey on February 2, 1842]

The Patriarchal blessing of Mary Wolsey Daughter of Reuben & Lucinda Burl, Born in the State of Ohio, near Cincinnatti, the 11th day of April 1813.

I lay my Hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus, to place a Blessing upon you, as you have desired it, for you shall be blest even as you have desired, that you may see better days & increase of prosperity, that your Life may be preserved, & your Health might be good, & that you might be blest, & your Family, by the Lord your God, with intelligence, with an understanding Heart, with a knowledge of your Lineage & your Inheritance, & with the Mind of the Lord concerning your Posterity, & your Father[']s Family, with these things you shall be blest, & your Father[']s House, & your Lineage is of the Seed of Joseph, & your Inheritance shall be upon his Land, & your Children[']s, & you shall be blest with Health and Strength as you have desired, with an increase of Blessings, henceforth, to Comfort your Heart with the Spirit of God, resting upon you, to enlighten your Mind, bringing to your Remembrance, bringing to your understanding the Things of God as they shall be revealed, until you have received a fulness, in answer to your Prayers in the presence of God, & as to all other Blessings Spiritual & Temporal, shall be in Common with your Husband, & as to length of Days shall be measured out by the principle of Justice according to your Faith, but your Name is Written in the Lamb[']s Book of Life, & shall be saved, These Blessings I Seal upon you, Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. Feby. 2nd 1842.

[Patriarchal blessing of John D. Lee on February 2, 1842]

Patriarchal blessing of John D. Lee son of Ralph and Elizabeth Lee. Born in the town of Kaskaskia, Randolph Co., Williamsburg township, Illinois, 6th of September 1812.

Brother Lee, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to bless you according to mine authority, which blessing shall be according to your lineage, to be fulfilled in the due time, in future, wherein you shall be blessed, your house and habitation, for the comfort of your family, for food, and for raiment, for fields, flocks and herds, so that you can worship under your own vine and fig trees where there is none to molest or to make afraid, with the blessings that shall come to pass that shall satisfy the eyes with seeing, and the ears with hearing, for the word of God shall be plain and distinctly understood, wherein there shall be no failure unto a full satisfacion of proclaiming the word, of traveling forth upon the face of the earth, wherein your blessings shall be fulfilled which was placed upon your head by your aged Patriarch, which I confirm upon your head with a promise of an inheritance in the lineage of your fathers in the tribe of Ephraim, for a blessing of salvation in that lineage, by the faith of your Father, to rejoice ye your heart, henceforth, and I seal upon your head, with its gifts and graces, all to be fulfilled in due time. These I seal upon your head, even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Illinois. 2nd Feb. 1842.

[Patriarchal blessing of Urban Van Stewart on February 9, 1842]

A Patriarchal blessing under the hand of Hyrum Smith on the head of Urban Van Stewart the son of John William and Elizabeth Stewart. Born in Overton County Tennessee Nov. 9, 1817.

I lay my hands upon your head and in the name of Jesus to place a blessing upon you and confirm your Priesthood which Priesthood shall entitle you to all the privileges of the Kingdom of God, even to stand as a Savior upon Mount Zion with the hundred and forty and four thousand having the seal of the Savior written on your for[e]head and in due time the Lord will bless you with the high Priesthood coming to pass in his own Providence for a wise purpose in him to prepare you for a work that is to be preformed in the day of your probation and for your Salvation in the world to come whereby you may be made equal possessing the blessing of equality according to that perfection which is in the purpose of your creator unto the human family wherein now you may be a stranger and a pilgrim but then to see face to face

therefore you shall be blessed if you will hearken diligently to the voice of the Spirit according to its working in your heart according to your gift and calling wherewith you are called unto a faithful performance in your Ministry with the Blessings of your Father's house according to your lin[e]age in the lin[e]age of Joseph for thus shall be your blessings pertaining to your inheritance upon the land of your Fathers Even the Land of America which is the Land of Zion to be received in your day if you are faithful if your faith fails not and it is lost through transgression but let the blessings of prosperity in your ministry and in the labor of your hands and Habitation with the Blessings of the Priesthood with its gifts and grace to be handed down in Posterity from generation to generation together with long life on thy Head with Honor to your name perpetuated by posterity unto the latest generation and with a crown of glory in the Mansions of your Father in the Resurrection of the Just which Blessings I seal on your head together [?] anointing in the House of the Lord for your effectual ministry in the House of the Lord. Even So Amen. Given at Nauvoo Illinois Feb. 9, 1842

[Patriarchal blessing of Jane Anne Twist on February 11, 1842]

The Patriarchal blessing of Jane Anne Twist, Daughter of Theophilus & Catherine Chamberlain, Born in the township of Knockfin, Queens County, Ireland, March 28 1812

Beloved Sister, I lay my hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth, to bless & Seal you up unto Eternal Life, by the power of the Holy Priesthood & the authority Sealed upon me by Revelation, your Name shall be Written & Sealed in Heaven as I Seal you here on Earth, this is the Blessing which I place upon your Head, Even that Crown of Life which is laid up in Store for the Daughters of Abraham & the Mothers in Israel, whose Glory shall be the Glory of the Sun, which is Typical, & the Moon under their Feet, & a Crown of Twelve Stars glittering as the Stars in the Firmament which is their celestial Habitation & you shall be blest with the peace and communion of the Saints, living in Fellowship and in Love with the Blessings of that Communion which is in the Comforter that shall Teach you the Things of God, & bring all Things to Remembrance, & also you shall be blest, with days & years productive of good, & as to your Inheritance, your Prosperity, as to your House & Habitation, Field Flocks & Herds, shall be in Common with your Husband, & the knowledge of the Mysteries of God through the Key of Knowledge which is placed upon the Head of him who is your Head, & you shall be blest in your Posterity, to bring Honor unto your Name and perpetuated for Ever. These Blessings I Seal upon your Head, Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills Feby 11th 1842.

**[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of Elder of James Twist on February 11, 1842]**

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus and bless you with these promises, which are sacred and of great worth, the value to be revealed in the fulness of times, which is the Priesthood after the Order of Melchisedec with all its glory and fullness and with all its gifts and graces, coming to pass in due time, by the hand of Providence, in the order of the Kingdom of God,

and I ordain you to be an Elder in this church of Jesus Christ to preach repentance and remission of sins through Jesus Christ, and the endurance of faith on his name to the end.

This is a blessing that I confer upon you at this time, but you shall be blest with the wonderful things of God, which shall be revealed in the last days, even in the days of your probation, and you shall have a dispensation of the Gospel, and shall bear testimony of the things of God in your day, even in the generation in which you live, and shall prosper in your testimony, and you shall be blest in your House, and in your habitations, with health, except now and then with light affliction, to stir you up in the way of remembrance, for whom God loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son and daughter whom he receiveth, and again, you shall be blest in all your avocations henceforth, and receive an inheritance in the lineage of your fathers in Israel, in the lineage of Jacob, with his scattered remnants, upon the Land of Zion, that shall be built up in the last days, even the New Jerusalem, and shall be purified with the sons of Love [Levi], and enter in through the gate into the City, and you shall have honour, and an hoary head, and a name that shall be perpetuated with honour by your posterity forever and ever. These blessings I seal upon your head, Even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Heber C. Kimball on March 9, 1842]

The Patriarchal blessing of Heber C. Kimball, son of Solomon F & Anne Kimball, Born in the town of Sheldon, Franklin Co. State of Vermont June 15th 1801.

Brother Heber I lay my hands upon your head in the Name & by the Authority of Jesus Christ, & bless you according to your Calling which is Spiritual & according to your station and Lineage & magnanimity Honor & Nobility of your Blood, as it hath Descended in a true Lineal descent from your Fathers Abraham Isaac & Jacob by which you are Blessed with their Faith which is the Faith of faithful Abraham to

believe & to endure all Things with Patience, the Same has been a great preservation to Sustain you, & to inspire your Heart unto obedience to receive the promises which were obtained & the Blessings which were to come upon their Children, the same to be placed upon your Head, which Blessing hath swollen your Heart unto greatness & with Gratitude in the presence of God, the same shall crown you with every blessings, Spiritually & temporally Spiritually by that Priesthood, which is your right, with all its qualifying Powers of which you have received a foretaste, but you shall be blest with a fulness, and shall be not one whit behind the Chiefest as an Apostle

you shall stand in the presence of God to judge the People, & as a prophet you shall attain to the Honour of the three & shall Prophecy and the power of God Shall attend your Labours, and crown you with honour & great success & bring Salvation to Millions; your heart shall be inspired with inspiration even the inspiration of the Almighty henceforth & for ever, & for your Evils you shall be Chastened, and loved and cherished &, made an Instrument to cherish & to love the inhabitants of the Earth the works of your Creation that are like unto yourself, who are the works of God's hands standing forth with the power of Salvation having obtained the Holy Seal of Promise as one that is chosen & sealed unto Eternal Life, for thus are you called and chosen & sealed, for the hand of God is with you to prosper you and to save you and your house even to the uttermost and your Father's house for they shall bow at the shrine of Jehovah when you shall lift your voice and stretch out your Arm in their midst that remain, and the residue shall be redeemed, for the arm of Jehovah is extended stretched out in Mercy to prosper you firm as a decree unalterable & none shall stay his hand, therefore cheer up your Heart for the Blessings of Salvation Spiritually & Temporally are yours having a right to the anointing & the enduement [endowment] & the testimony of the last days as a pruner of the vineyard to seal up the Law & bind up the Testimony & to an Inheritance in the Lineage of your Fathers which is in Ephraim & to possess it the same to possess in Eternity & to stand waiting for your reward at the Coming of the son of Man for his reward shall be with him These are the Blessings I seal upon your Head Even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Ill. March 9th 1842 James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Vilate M. Kimball on March 9, 1842]

The Patriarchal blessing of Vilate Kimball Daughter of Rossell and Susannah Murray, Born in the Town of Florida, Montgomery County, State of New York June 1st 1806.

Beloved Sister I lay my hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus & seal you up unto Eternal Life sealed here on Earth & sealed in Heaven & your Name written in the Lamb's Book of Life never to be blotted out the same is mentioned, manifested, to Comfort your Heart & to be a Comforter unto you henceforth, all your days, it is even a promise according to the mind of the Spirit & the Spirit Shall bear Record of its Truth the same is called the Second Comforter not his presence but his promise the Same is immutable as an oath by himself because there is no greater, and there is no greater promise nor no greater Blessing that can be given nor no greater Riches it being the Riches of Eternity which are the greatest of All riches

These are your Blessings & also you shall be blest with a Communion of the Holy Spirit with a Knowledge of the Mysteries of God & Fellowship with the Saints, & share in the Glory & in the Honour & every Blessing touching your inheritance & Lineage with & in common with your Husband, receiving the Mysteries of God through the Key of Knowledge which is sealed upon his head, and as to your temporal blessings, they shall be in common with your Husband, for you shall prosper in all your avocations in Life and your Name shall be perpetuated in honour by your posterity unto the latest generation, and you shall be blest with long life, even according to the desires which are in your heart, and shall see much of the sal-

vation of God, and shall be crowned in the End together, in the Glorious Resurrection of the Just, at the sounding of the first Trump or at the Coming of the Son of Man. These Blessings I seal upon your head Even so. Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo. Illinois. March 9th. 1842

**[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of High Priest of Martin Bushman on March 12, 1843]**

Brother Martin I lay my hands upon your head, in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ to bless and seal the same upon you, even a blessing according to your lin[e]age and rights according to the holy Priesthood, coming down upon your heads in these last days of Anti-christ, there was a promise obtained for you to go down in your posterity to come unto you and your father[']s house as le[a]ven was put into the measure of meal that shall leaven the lump, or like unto that parable, will the power and spirit of God work in the minds of your father's house all being of lineage and tribe of Ephrium [Ephraim] in which lineage cometh the Priesthood beginning upon your head, in the order of the lineage of the Patriarch, which you now receive. Under mine hands whereas

I Ordain you an High Priest after the order of Melchizedec to preach repentance and remission of sins in the name of Jesus Christ, and the endurance of faith on his name unto the end,

there fore you are blessed with the Priesthood which I seal upon your head, that you may bear testimony and minister in that holy order according to the gifts and calling which is in you, and according to the spirit which shall move upon you in the times and seasons that cometh, in the days of your probation, and be blessed in your house, and your habitation, fields, flocks, & herds, and that your name shall be perpetuated through the blessings of the Priesthood as it shall go down upon the heads of your posterity from generation to generation, and as to your days and your years, shall be given you according to your faith, and the desire of your heart & you shall have an inheritance in the lineage of your fathers, even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Dagen Bushman on March 12, 1843]

A patriarchal blessing by Hyrum Smith Patriarch, upon the head of Elizabeth Dagen Bushman daughter of John Casper Dagen and Maria Graff Dagen born Sept. 12, 1802 at Holstien, Switzerland:

Sister Elizabeth, I lay my hands upon your head and in the name of and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ and by the power given me of the holy Priesthood to place a sealing blessing upon your head even to seal you to everlasting life, from henceforth that your heart may be comforted with an assurance that let what will happen your name is registered in the lamb[']s book of life, and these are the things which you desired to know whether you would be saved, therefore this is thy promise which I seal upon your head for God hath seen the honesty of your heart and hath blessed you according to your integrity and this shall be your witness that when these words shall be read, or you shall read them your heart shall swell with gratitude to God and joy shall spring up in your heart which shall be to you a comforter to you in all your days of probation, it shall be with you as a second comforter as in the testimony of John, which is the promise of eternal life and as to the blessings of your inheritance your house and habitation, fields flocks & herds and the benefits of the Priesthood by which the knowledge of God is obtained in the order of the kingdom of God, shall be in common with your husband, even unto the seal of the covenant, which you have made to be continued in your everlasting inheritance & a crown celestial shall be given in the mansions of your father, and your name be perpetuated and kept in honorable remembrance from generation to generation, these blessings I seal upon your head, even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois March 12th 1843.

[Patriarchal and sealing blessing of
Joseph C. Kingsbury given by Joseph Smith on March 23, 1843]

Nauvoo, Hancock county, Ill. March 23. 1843

Joseph C. Kingsbury, received a Patriarchal and Sealing Blessing under the hand of Joseph Smith the Prophet, Seer and Revelator, and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, as follows:

Bro. Joseph I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ to bestow upon thee a patriarchal blessing, according to the power and authority of the holy Priesthood vested in me, I say unto thee thou shalt be blessed with the good things of this world abundantly in thy life time, and I seal thee up to come forth in the first resurrection, unto eternal life, and thy companion Caroline, who is now dead, thou shalt have, for I seal thee up for and in her behalf, to come forth in the first resurrection unto eternal life, (and it shall be as though she was present herself) and thou shalt hail her, and she shall be thine, and no one shall have power to take her from thee, and you both shall be crowned and enthroned to dwell together in a Kingdom, in the Celestial Glory, in the presence of God, and you shall enjoy each other society and embraces, in all the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, worlds without end, for I seal these blessings upon thee, and for thy companion, in the name of Jesus Christ, for thou shalt receive the holy anointing and endowment in this life, to prepare you for all these blessing, even so, Amen — Witnesses present — Newel K. Whitney, Elizabeth Ann Whitney, Sarah Ann Whitney.

Brought to the office by Joseph C. Kingsbury April 14. 1860 and recorded by Thomas Bullock, Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:145]

[Patriarchal blessing of Addison Pratt on March 28, 1843]

The Patriarchal blessing of Addison Pratt, son of Henry and Rebecca Jewel Pratt, born in the town of Winchester, Chesshire [Cheshire] County, New Hampshire, February 21, 1802.

Brother Addison, I lay my hands upon your head in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ, and place and seal a blessing upon you, the same to be consonant with your lineage, Priesthood and rights unto the Priesthood, for as you are a descendant from the loins of Jacob, coming down in lineage through the tribe of Zebulon, therefore, in this lineage is your inheritance and your blessings, as given by prophetic vision, touching the Covenant of grace and your everlasting inheritance. As to the Priesthood it shall be a blessing upon your head and shall be given unto you in its fullness in due time and its blessing is as a crown upon your head and as laurels upon your brow, for the time cometh when you shall enter into its gifts and graces, notwithstanding the trials and tribulations of your day, and you shall go out and come in and go forth upon the face of the earth.

Your reward shall be with you and your testimony shall bring you into the place of the anointing, and your garments shall be clean of the blood of this generation, and you shall receive the anointing and the endowment and shall be numbered with the called and chosen and be called the Lord's anointed and your body prepared for the burial and shall receive an inheritance and a place upon Mount Zion in the lineage of your fathers, and also shall have a name and a place, and your acts to be written in the Chronicles of your brethren, by which your name shall be perpetuated with the aid and blessings of the Priesthood as it goeth down with your posterity from generation to generation. You shall be blest in your house, in your habitation, in your field and in your flocks, and your name shall be perpetuated and had in honor until the latest generation, and your years and days are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, March 28, 1843. James Sloan, clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Caroline Grouard on May 21, 1843]

The Patriarchal blessing of Caroline Grouard, daughter of Jesse & Mary Mode, born in Marcus Hooke, State of Delaware, Jany 8th, 1821

Caroline, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, & bless you according to the desires of your heart as it cometh unto you by way of promise with the blessings of the new and everlasting Covenant as an heir of promise, & with the Seal of the promise as in your forehead, the same that binds on Earth & binds in heaven, & I Seal you unto eternal life for a consolation & a comforter, for your name is written in the book of life, & if there is pride & transgression, there remaineth a Scourge, nevertheless, there is integrity in your heart, & a zeal for salvation, & faith, & it shall increase & be multiplied, going from faith to faith, & from grace to grace, until you are blessed with the blessings of the everlasting Covenant, & have entered into the rest that remained for the people of God, & your promise is the Comforter as is written in the testimony of John the divine, the Comforter in the hour to come, in the hour of perplexity, & in the hour of Trial, & also in the hour of tribulation, & in the hour of deep & sore afflictions,

then shall you know that your name is written in the Book of life, & that you are sealed with the Seal of promise, & that you are blessed with the promise of the blessings of your fathers, Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, & shall have an inheritance in the lineage of your fathers, together with the blessings of your habitation, field & flocks, & a name to be perpetuated from generation to generation, all to be received in Common with your husband, both as to your inheritance, days, & years, together with the seal of the everlasting Covenant, which Seals on Earth & seals in Heaven, These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills May 21st, 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Pierce Harmon on June 6, 1843]

The Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Pierce Harmon, son of Martin & Triphena Harmon. born in Ruport, Bennington Coy [County]. Vermont August 11th 1795.

Brother Jesse, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, & bless you according to the gifts & powers of the Priesthood invested in me, & according to the faith which is in you, exercised in the new & everlasting Covenant, for unto this end are you destined as a blessing upon your head, to enter into a fulness in due time, with the remnants of the Seed of Jacob according to your fathers inheritance, which inheritance is after the Order of the Covenant unto Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob, your fathers, of which lineage you are to be numbered, according to the Will of God & the rights of the holy Priesthood, which to you hath been administered, & is hereafter to be sealed upon your head, as it shall be fully developed, of which fulness you do not now comprehend, nevertheless, these are blessings to come which are Spiritual & temporal, Spiritually, to be manifested with its enlightening influence to encrease [increase] & be multiplied unto you, & unto your house, together with the blessings which are temporal, to be encreased [increased] & multiplied upon your head, & unto your house, to be realized more fully in future, from generation to generation, & again, there is a blessing to be realized from your testimony, & from your goings forth, & from the anointing, & from the enduement [endowment], & from the Seal of the everlasting Covenant, which binds on Earth & binds in Heaven, & from your names being Written in the Chronicles of your brethren, & perpetuated by your Posterity until the latest generation, as also your inheritance in the lineage of your fathers, upon mount Zion, the City of the living God, & again, as to your days & years, they are numbered, & shall be many. These blessings I Seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo Ills June 6th 1843. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Anne Harmon on June 6, 1843]

The Patriarchal blessing of Anne Harmon, daughter of Abijah and Abi Barns, born in New Ashford, Berkshire Co., Mas[s]achusetts, March 6th 1798.

Sister Anne I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth], and bless you, with a blessing that is by promise, that shall be realized in future, behold thou art Anne, a mother in Israel to be number[ed] with the seed of Jacob, even with the Remnants that shall be made known among the Gentiles, and as one having a right to the Covenant, being an heir of promise, having been baptised into Christ, and put on Christ, that you may be Abraham['s] seed, and an heir unto the promise therefore, you are blest in your days, if your faith shall continue, and shall enter into the rest of God, and receive a fullness of the everlasting Covenant and the sealing power that binds on Earth and binds in Heaven, and shall come unto the Church of the first born, and the innumerable company, and to the Covenant that speaketh better things than the blood of Abel,

and as to your blessing which is temporal, touching your house and habitation and the things that are hereafter to be reveiled [revealed], and your inheritance, and the benefits of the Priesthood, as also [also] the seal of the Covenant which binds on Earth and binds in Heaven shall be in common with your Husband, and also your name shall be perpetuate[d] by your Posterity from generation to generation, and I seal you up unto eternal life against all evil except the sin that is unpardonable and if there should be transgres[s]ion otherwise, ther[e] remaineth a scourge, nevertheless there is a promise that is sealed, and a reward laid up for you, and a blessing in days and years, to be multiplied upon your head, and a consolation that shall be given you in the hour of tribulation. These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. June 6th 1843. James Sloan Cl,k [Clerk]

[Patriarchal blessing of Benjamin Brown on July 18, 1843]

The Patriarchal blessing of Benjamin Brown, son of Asa and Sarah Brown, born in the town of Queensberry, Washington Coy. [County] State of New York, Sept. 30th 1794.

Brother Benjamin, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth & by the Authority given unto me by commandment & the [illegible] of the Holy Priesthood I place upon you a blessing according to the order of the Priesthood as it cometh in the Order of the Kingdom of God, & according to your rights of lineage & your rights unto the Priesthood which right cometh down in lineage according to the faith of the fathers, & the promises that were obtained which are to be fulfilled in the fulness of the new & everlasting Covenant, but as to your lineage, notwithstanding you are found amongst the Gentiles, you are of the Seed of Jacob, & of the tribe of Benjamin, through which loins & lineage is your right unto the Priesthood according to the Prophetic Visions of your fathers, the same is to be sealed upon your head & in this lineage & tribe is your inheritance,

& again, according to the prophetic Vision of your fathers as touching the tribe of your inheritance are your blessings to be multiplied upon your head, & upon your posterity from generation to generation, even unto the latest generation therefore you are blest notwithstanding the tribulations of the past, but in future there is to be rewarded unto you double, even an hundred fold, as a reward of faith, all to be administered in due times, both temporal & Spiritual together with the Priesthood to go down with its fulness upon your posterity by which your name shall be perpetuated & continued in honorable remembrance unto the latest generation, & you shall yet bear testimony, & your garments shall be made clean, & you shall be blest with the anointing, & anointed & numbered with the called & chosen, & be multiplied in your Garner house & habitations, & with days years to be multiplied upon your Head. These blessings I Seal upon you, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. July 18th 1843. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Brown on July 18, 1843]

The Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Brown, daughter of Henry & Sarah Mumford, born in Granby, Hartford Coy. State of Connecticut, April 20th 1795.

Sister Sarah, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, & place & Seal a blessing unto you to be fulfilled in future, to go down upon the pages of time, in memorial, with honour to your name which shall be perpetuated from generation to generation behold, I seal you up unto eternal life, which Seal is to be a comforter, a strength, & a support unto you in th[e] times of your trials, & in the times of your weakness, & in the times of your deepest afflictions & Sorrow, for this is the promise according to the mind of the Spirit that you should be Sealed with the Seal of promise which is the Comforter, even the second Comforter that w[as] spoken of in John[']s testimony which is before the People, & that you should know that your name is written in the Book of life to be continued henceforth, & if there should be transgression there remaineth a Scourge nevertheless, there is a blessing Spiritually & temporally to be administered unto you as a reward for your integrity there being no disposition in your Heart to transgress,

therefore you shall be blest in the new & everlasting Covenant [in] Common with your husband, having a right unto the benefits of the Priesthood, which shall be allotted unto you, & signs & tokens of affirmation, that you be not deceived by those that Saith they are apostles, & are not apostles but are liars, & that you be not deceived in the Spirit but shall come forth with the wise & be numbered with the pe[ople] of the Covenant, being a daughter of Abraham, & a mother in Israel, notwithstanding the past & your days of [illegible], & again, you shall be blest in your habitations, & in your house, as also shall your flocks be multiplied, & your name shall be written in the Chronicles of your brethre[n] & be perpetrated until the latest generation, & your days & years are numbered & shall be many. These Blessings I Seal upon your head; even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Ills. July 18th 1843. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Frances Crosby on July 18, 1843]

The Patriarchal blessing of Frances Crosby Daughter of Joshua and Hannah Crosby born in Yarmouth Nova Scotia October 31st 1817

Sister Frances, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you. Behold thou shalt be blest in this life with light afflictions hereafter and in the world to come thou shalt have Eternal life and shall enter into your everlasting inheritance with your fathers and shall inherit the presence of your Father Mother Brothers and Sisters and again you shall be blest with an habitation an house over which you shall preside according to the Capacity of your calling and your Station in the midst of your own, with comfort, with a blessing of consolation with prosperity in your incomings and outgoings & with a field & with flocks & herds as also the Communion and fellowship in the Kingdom of God as also the the Communion of the Spirit & the fellowship of the Saints

& I seal you with the seal of the new and Everlasting Covenant as touching the power to seal on Earth & seal in Heaven, although it is the days of your youth, yet you shall live & there is a reward in Heaven laid up for you & the Key is your Mother therefore you shall be blest & your mind shall be attentive & the memory of the past shall not be forgotten and again you shall also be blest with the knowledge of the mysteries of God as it shall be developed in its fulness & the desires of your heart shall be realised and your name shall be perpetuated with the blessings of the Priesthood upon your Posterity from generation to gen-

eration the same is a blessing by promise unto the latest generation and again you are blessed in the lineage of the Covenant being a daughter of Abraham & an heir of promise & as to your days and years they shall be given unto you according to your faith & the desires of your Heart These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Illinois July 18th 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Catherine Stoker on July 30, 1843]

A Patriarchal blessing of Catherine Stoker, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Eller, born in County of Rowan, North Carolina, March 6, 1773.

Sister Catharine, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and seal you up unto Eternal life from this very hour for this is thy Blessing for thy days and years are on the decline. Nevertheless there are some more to be multiplied upon thy head and a consolation to inspire your heart yet in the days of your Pilgrimage and you have a crown laid up for you in the Mansion of your Father and ye shall stand in your place and in your station as a Mother in Israel as one that hath kept the commandments and that hath been faithful. Since you believed, therefore you are blessed in time and your blessing shall be continued in eternity, for you are sealed here on earth and sealed in heaven that you may live and be comforted with this comforter that your name is written as is made known by the Spirit in the Lamb's Book of Life and shall not be blotted out, but shall be continued henceforth and forever and there is a blessing upon your house, even your children from generation to generation and the priesthood is theirs according to the rights of lineage and the covenants and promises made to their Father Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Therefore, let your heart be comforted henceforth and forever for the promise is sure and your days shall yet continue for a season and your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation and handed down in honor by your children until the latest generation. These blessings I seal upon your head in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, July 30, 1843 at Nauvoo, Illinois

[Patriarchal blessing of Sylvia Amiret Carter on September 17, 1843]

The Patriarchal blessing of Sylvia Amiret Carter, Daughter of Stephen and Dolly Mecham. Born in the town of Hopkinton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, July 28, 1820.

Sister Sylvia, I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and bless you, and even seal you up unto eternal life, against every sin and every blasphemy but the sin that sheds [or the shedding of] the blood of innocence, which cannot be forgiven in this time nor in the next time, but against all other sins I seal you up unto eternal life, but if there is transgressions, there remaineth a scourge, but you are blessed and shall be saved in the everlasting covenant in the morning of the first resurrection, this is a promise that is given unto you, for a blessing and a comfort and consolation for your heart at all times — in the hour of distress, or in the hour of tribulation — this is the promise of eternal life, which is the second comforter, according to the testimony of John, and again is, as saith the scriptures:

To know God and him who he hath sent, is life eternal. To know that you shall live and have life and immortality in the resurrection of the just is a comforter and a blessing, that shall abide forever. Therefore you are blessed spiritually and you shall be blessed temporally — in your basket, in your store, and in your house and in your habitation and in the new and everlasting covenant, in common with your husband, and in the inheritance and lineage of his fathers, and your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation, and venerated by your posterity unto the latest generation. Your days and years are numbered, and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head in the name of Jesus even so amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Ill., September 17, 1843. Howard Coray. Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Howard Egan on September 24, 1843]

The Patriarchal blessing of Howard Egan Son of Howard and Ann Egan, born in Tullemore, Kings County, Ireland, Time — 1815:

Brother Howard I lay my hands upon your head, in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ and place a blessing upon you. Consonant with your lineage and rights unto the Priesthood, for Behold, I say unto you; Howard, you are of the lineage of David of the Tribe of Judah. Nevertheless you have come to Zion, unto the Covenant, that shall be made with the House of Israel. Wherein, God will write his Law in their hearts and print it in their thoughts, therefore you shall have an inheritance in Zion. And your house or your posterity that cometh after you, and you have a right unto the Priesthood, and blessings according to the Prophetic visions of your Fathers, and the day shall come when you shall magnify an holy calling, and come up to the anointings, and the endowments and be numbered with the called and chosen. And have your name written together with acts in the Archives and Chronicles of your brethren, as also perpetuated by your posterity in the blessings of the Priesthood from generation to generation. Even until the latest generation. And you shall be blessed in your temporal [temporal] associations and in your habitations and your days and years shall be given unto you according to your faith and the desires of your heart. These blessings I seal upon you Even So, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Illinois Sept. 24th, 1843. H. Coray Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ettie Coray on September 24, 1843]

Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ettie Coray, daughter of Silas and Mary Coray. Born in the Township of Providence, Luzern County, State of Pennsylvania, 31st of Jan., 1829 [1827].

Sister Mary Ettie, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place and seal a blessing unto you, even a Father's blessing, which blessing is Patriarchal as from under the hands of your father or any one of the Patriarchs of old that a blessing should be placed upon your head, according to the covenants with your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and in future time, receive a fullness of those blessings, according to the promises as touching your inheritance and the glory of your father, and the honor and immortality and felicity of your Mansion in the resurrection of the Just, therefore there is a blessing for you and a reward laid up for your obedience, for the integrity of your heart, in the days of your youth; remember that you are now in your youthful days, and this life at times and seasons in the intermediate spaces of your existence, will be attended with tribulations, but in the world to come, you shall have immortality and eternal life. This is your reward because of the integrity of your heart. And again you shall be blessed temporally and spiritually in your house and habitation, in your field and in your flocks, in your basket and in your store, as also in your posterity, and your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation, and your miracles and acts shall be written in the archives and chronicles of your brethren. And your days and years are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hiram Smith, at Nauvoo, Ill., Sept. 24th, 1840 [1843]. Howard Coray, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of William A. Martindale on October 8, 1843]

Patriarchal blessing of Wm. Addington [Martindale] son of James and Elizabeth Martindale born in the town of Washington, Wayne, County state Indiana. the 11 of June 1814.

Brother William I lay my hands upon your head in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ. I bless you and seal the same upon your head, which bless[ing] shall be consonant with your lineage

and with your right as touching the Priesthood. As it cometh down in its lineage. For behold thou art William and this is the name by which you will be called. Yet never-the-less there is a new name by which you shall be called, also, if you enter in through the gate into the city in the day of purification. When the sons of Moses and Aaron shall be purified.

For ye are of Aaron and of the lineage and loins of Levi and an heir unto that inheritance and your blessing cometh according to the Praphetic [Prophetic] Visions of your fathers, never-the-less you shall be blessed, spiritually and temporally in your testimony in your house and in your habitation in your fields and in your flocks, in your incomings and outgoings and in the dispensation of the gospel. That is committed to your charge and in the the Priesthood that shall be sealed upon your head even unto its fullness in due time and in the blessing of your postivity [posterity] wherein the Priesthood shall have there [the] honor and your name be peretuated [perpetuated] from generation to generations. And again there remaineth a blessing in the mission that is by way of the wild[er]ness in the valleys and on the mountains. As it cometh over upon mount Zion. Unto the seal of the covenant [covenant] unto the anointy [anointing] and to the endowment that your name may be registered in the achives and chronicles that are peretuated [perpetuated] in the house of god. And again as to your days and years, they are numbered and shall be many I seal these blessing[s] upon your head even so. [Amen]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ann Elisa DeLong on October 16, 1843]

Patriarchal blessing Ann Elisa DeLong, daughter of Bush and Hannah Reynolds Born in New York City, New York, November 9, 1818

I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and place a seal and blessing upon your head according to the mind of the Spirit, which is to come to pass hereafter. Behold, thou art Ann Eliza. This is the name by which you are called, and is the name by which you will be called when it shall be said, "Come ye blessed, enter into the kingdom, and to the rest that is prepared from before the foundation of the world." For as a daughter of Abraham, thou shalt be blest, notwithstanding the day of purification, and the day of choosing. Nevertheless, thou wilt be saved, for, if there is error there shall be an understanding given, and from weakness thou shalt be made strong. And if there should be murmurings, a knowledge of doctrine shall be given, and the truth shall have due and proper influence upon your mind, until the mysteries of God are revealed. And ye shall enter into its blessings in its fullness even of your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and receive your inheritance in Mount Zion upon this Celestial Orb. And if there be tribulations and afflictions, they shall be subdued and overcome, and you shall be blessed in your house, and in your habitations, and your evocations of life, in your possessions and tenements and in the spirit and power and knowledge wherein you shall be endowed with power, as far as ministrations and priesthood was ordained to be given unto man, and unto their help mate, for unto this end was you borne of, came you into the world.

And in due time cometh all these blessings, which you do not now comprehend, but you shall know them and appreciate them, and again, there are blessings to be received in common with your husband, which filleth up the intermediate spaces of the days of your probation, and then shall be a blessing to rest upon your posterity. And by then shall your name be perpetuated from generation to generation as also to be written in the archives and chronicles of your brethren, to be handed down in honorable remembrance until the latest generation. And as to the tribe of your lineage wherein you have lineal descents, it is in the lineage and tribe of Manasseh. But as to your inheritance it is in the lineage upon whom is the seal of the covenant, whereby the seal is on earth to be sealed in Heaven, and your coming forth shall be in the morning of the first resurrection, that you may possess thrones and mansions, that is prepared.

And as to your days and years, they are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, October 16, 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Miles Anderson on November 12, 1843]

A Patriarchal blessing of Miles Anderson Son of Nathan and Sally Anderson Born in [illegible] County State of Georgia Oct. 30 1795

Brother Miles I lay my hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth [Nazareth] and by that authority and the investment of the Priesthood, place a blessing upon you according to your liniage [lineage] rights of inheritan[ce] and right of Priesthood; for behold I say unto you Miles that in Jacob is your liniage [lineage] and in Jacob is your Inheritance as one of the scattered remnants that shall be situated and established upon Mount Zion upon the land of Joseph with the Remnant of Joseph for in Ephraim is the rec[k]oning of your Inheritance and the right of Priesthood to be seated and given in due time with the gifts and graces that will give you power to magnify your calling wherewith you are called and the gift with which you shall be blessed if your faith fail not that you may be clean of the Blood of this generation when the Harvest is Ended therefore now there is a blessing in store for you Spiritual and Temporal touching the Mission and calling and Ministry your House Habitation possession and tenniments [tenements] nevertheless notwit[h]standing the fearfulness the want of faith the want of strength in yourself to overcome and to wake up from the fear of Man yet there is power and a blessing for you if you will strive to improve on the tallant [talent] that is given and again there is a blessing in you[r] rights of liniage [lineage] for your posterity unto the latest generation by which your name shall be perpetuated and the blessings of your Days and years multiply upon your Head these blessings I seal upon your Head — even so amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ Nov 12th 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Terry Kirby on November 18, 1843]

A Patriarchal blessing on the head of Elizabeth Kirby, daughter of Parshall and Hannah Terry, born at Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, November 17, 1814

Sister Elizabeth, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and place and seal a blessing upon your head that shall come to pass in future, for in the future is your reward and your last days shall be your best days; for the desires of your heart and you shall have peace in your habitation and tranquility in your places of abode. And for your heart of integrity you shall be blessed in the covenant of grace, being a daughter of Abraham and of lineal descent therefore the blessing of your father shall be yours to go down with your posterity. And you shall be blessed in all your avocations of life, and in your possessions and tenements, in your basket and in your store.

And [you] shall have communion with the Holy Spirit, even the spirit of inspiration where with you shall be inspired, and your footsteps directed and the hand of God shall be extended and mercy, wherein you shall have deliverance more than in days that are past where you had experience in its administrations [administrations], wherein He has put forth His finger to bless you not withstanding the tribulations, afflictions and sorrows of your heart. Therefore, now let your heart be comforted in the witness that God has been mindful of you, and the same hand of providence shall smooth the path and make easy your way in these last days and shall bring your final possessions, principalities, and [you shall] have dominion, immortality and venerated in the lineage of your posterity from generation to generation, and as to your days and years, they are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, November 18, 1843.

[Patriarchal blessing of Orson Pratt on December 26, 1843]

A Patriarchal blessing of Orson Pratt Son of Jared and Charity Pratt born in the Town of Hartford Washington County State of New York September 19th 1811

Brother Orson I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal upon you a blessing according to your lineage manifesting your rights inherent behold I say unto you Orson you are a descendant of Abraham and of the lineage and Tribe of Ephraim therefore in that lineage cometh your blessings and rights inherent even the rights of Priesthood and the rights of inheritance in answer and in fulfilment of the Promises obtain[e]d by your Fathers and by these promises in a greater or less degree has your heart been inspired and preserved in integrity therefore you are blessed and shall be blessed in all your days in ratio [ratio] with the past with multiplication and addition in grace in faith, in knowledge, in wisdom, in greatness and also in posterity with the promise to bless them in their lineage with the Priesthood and power to reach unto posterity from generation to generation untill you and your House shall receive a fulness of the everlasting covenant made with Abraham Isaac and Jacob

your Fathers and you shall be blessed also with a full development of the priesthood its power — gifts and graces and with an inheritance [inheritance] in the lineage and tribe of your Father the same your Seed shall possess and inherit it even Their promised possessions and perpetuate your name in honor unto the latest generation and you shall be blessed in your House and habitations possessions and Teniments [Tenements] with days and years to be multiplied upon your head and you shall stand upon Mount Zion with the hundred and forty and four thousand and you shall fill your place and appointment in the appointed hour at the end of your days and the times and seasons spaces and intermediate [intermediate] spaces the day shall be sufficient for the evil [evil] thereof. therefore lift up your head and fear not for the hour of redem[p]tion and deliverance draweth nigh therefore look and live for a Crown of immortality and eternal lives is laid up for you in the Mansion that is prepared and you shall possess it and none shall hinder These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ December 26th 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Marinda Pratt on December 26, 1843]

Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Marinda Pratt Daughter of Cyrus & Lydia Bates Born in the Town of Henderson [blank space] State of New York February 5th 1817

Sister Sarah I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bless you Spiritually and Temporally as the Spirit giveth utterance behold I say unto you Sarah your blessings Shall be according to the desires of your heart Zeal and integrity even to possess them in your habitation in your possessions and Teniments [Tenements] in the Priesthood and its developments in your inheritance and Promised possessions and in the lineage of your Posterity Even the blessings of the Priesthood and the power of God to be Continued in your liniage [lineage] as also the blessings of the Everlasting Covenant in the Seal thereof Shall be in Common with your husband if you desire it with all your heart and will ask in faith believing for he that asketh Shall receive and he that Seeketh Shall find and have mercy and Salvation administered unto him and he that knocketh unto him Shall the mysteries of God be unfolded and you Shall be blessed in the liniage [lineage] of your posterity and in the knowledge of your progenitors and you shall have an inheritance in the liniage [lineage] of your Fathers the Same is in the liniage [lineage] of your husband which is the liniage [lineage] of his Fathers and in every blessing touching all things that are Sealed upon his head if you

will have faith and doubt not and Shall be agreed the Same Shall be had in common with each other and your name Shall be perpetuated and had in honor in the liniage [lineage] of your posterity with the blessings of the Priesthood unto the latest Generation and your Days and years Shall be many these blessings I Seal upon your head Even so Amen

Given by H Smith Patriarch Dec 26th 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha H. Groves on January 8, 1844]

Patriarchal blessing of Elisha H Groves Son of John Groves & Mary Gro[ves] born in Mattson Co Ky November 5 1797

brother Elisha I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth & bless & seal the Same upon your head behold I say unto you Elisha you Shall be Blessed in your day & generation even Spiritually & temporally notwithstanding the past afflictions trials & tribulations in all your past experience & the afflictions that have been suffered by the hand of providence for your benefit to bring you into the powers of appreciation & for a promise [of] a better inheritance to be received in Zion which by the Lord shall be founded & they that have been oppressed & the poor shall dwell there & there [their] hearts Shall be satisfied [satisfied] when the Earth shall yield forth in its strength & their hearts Shall be filled & Shall overflow nevertheless you Shall be blessed in your hous[e] and in your habitation & yet in your garner & in Posterity & in the hononer [honor] & Glory thereof in time & in eternity & with the priesthood & with your rights inherent coming in the lineage of your fathers with the seal & the knowledge to be Confirmed in due time which lineage is in Ephra[i]m according to the tribe & rights of your Fathers the same to be continued from generation to generation & your name shall be perpetuated in their lineage untill the latest generation of Man & your name shall be written in the chronicles of your Brethren & be numbered with the called & chosen to stand in your lot in the appointed hour upon mount Zion with the hundred forty and four thousand these blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the C[h]urch of Jesus Christ January 8th 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of David Moore on January 29, 1844]

Patriarchal blessing of David Moore son of Dudley and Mary Moore Born in the Township Eardly County of Otteway Province of Lower Canada January 20th 1819

Brother David I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal a blessing upon you consonant with your lineage and rights inherent behold I say unto you David you shall be blessed spiritually and temporally touching your House and habitation Basket and store according to the wisdom of God as you shall be able to bear it and he will bless you with an inheritance as you shall be able to receive it and with a knowledge of the mysteries of God in the order of his Kingdom the same to be received by the Key of knowledge even the Priesthood which you may have sealed upon your head in its fulness.

as also an inheritance in the lineage of Joseph through which lineage cometh your blessing if you will but receive them and search out their origin according to the prophetic Vision of your Fathers which thing you know not but the day cometh when you shall know them and enter in the power of [illegible] unto a fulness which fulness shall be after the [order] of Melchesidic and according to the covenants of grace to be obtained through faith and obedience to all the requisitions [requisitions] of Heaven therefore look and live and you shall be blessed with an inheritance in the lineage of your Fathers and your Children shall possess it also and perpetuate your name unto the latest generation and your gift and calling and testimony shall bring you to stand upon Mount Zion to sing the son of redemption and as to your days and years they shall be

numbered according to your faith and the desires of your heart These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ. January 29th 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan Moore on January 29, 1844]

Patriarchal blessing of Susan Moore daughter of Warrin and Amanda [illegible] Born in the Town of Woodstock County of Win[d]sor State of Vermont February 5th 1810

Sister Susan I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you the same is patriarchal and prophetic to come to pass in future to be benifical [beneficial] to your faith and to strengthen you in the hour of tribulation and in the hour of trial when the heart of Man shall be tried and proven wheather [whether] they will abid[e] the hour and day of the coming of the son of Man and you shall be blessed in the knowledge pertaining to the Kingdom of God and in a knowledge of the priesthood whereby salvation shall be administered to you and unto your House for you shall be blessed spiritually and temporally nevertheless there are trials that await you but you shall share in common with your Husband in the blessings that are sealed upon his head wherein he has a right unto an inheritance in the lineage of his Fathers and the covenant of grace the same are your rights and the rights of your Fathers as also the Priesthood to go down with your Posterity by which your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation and have days and years multiplied upon your head and a Crown and a Mansion in the Kingdom of your Father These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ January 29th 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Forstner Zundel on January 31, 1844]

Sister Sarah, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you and seal you up unto eternal life, for what I seal on Earth shall be sealed in heaven. This blessing is a reward in answer to your faith and the desires of your heart, a gift of God in the mind of the spirit, even a blessing by promise and a comforter to comfort your heart henceforth and forever. The same is from him who seeth and knoweth your zeal and integrity, even to answer and to satisfy, to sooth and to comfort and to alay the feelings of anxiety that are incident in a wicked and a gainsaying world, for you are blessed and shall be blessed spiritually and temporally and shall read your name that is written in the Book of Life and in the promised convenants [covenants] sealed by the power and authority of God upon your head. And again, Sarah, I say unto you, you shall be blessed in common with your Husband and shall receive all the blessings of the priesthood that are sealed upon his head, even the seal of the covenant, the inheritance in the same lineage in the fulness thereof. And your name shall be perpetuated in the lineage of your posterity unto the latest generation; and as a Daughter of Abraham and you shall have a name and a place in the mansion of your Father as Sarah and Rachel; and your days and years shall be many. These blessing[s] I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of William Rufus Rogers Stowell on January 31, 1844]

Patriarchal blessing of William Rufus Rogers Stowell, son of Augustus Oliver Artemus Stowell and Mary S. Stowell. Born in the town of Solon, Oneida County, State of New York, September 23rd 1822.

William, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bless you. Although it is in the days of your youth great shall be your blessings in consequence of the exercise of faith in the morning of your days. Therefore, I say unto you, William, if you will continue faithful as you have begun you shall be a bright and shining light unto this generation and unto your Father's house which light shall shine in

your house through which salvation shall be ministered unto posterity and to future generations. The same will commemorate your name and make it honorable from generation to generation. This blessing is before you and again I say unto you, William, you are of the lineage of Ephraim, and shall be blessed with the Priesthood and a Dispensation of the Gospel, and in due time you shall administer and officiate in your office and calling wherein you are and shall receive light; cleave unto the Lord with all your might and where to lay your head, and finally bring you to your inheritance, and to your place and station in the end of your days, as also to perpetuate your name in honor, which will go down in lineage with the blessings of the Priesthood unto the latest generation. And if your faith fail not your days shall be continued unto the coming of the Son of Man. These Blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Laura Farnsworth Owen on February 17, 1844]

Sister Laura I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you in answer to the desires of your heart because of the zeal and integrity of your heart for the cause of truth and the glorious promises of the last days therefore there is a reward laid up to be meted out unto you and your posterity after you from generation to generation the Priesthood shall be in your lineage and prosperity shall be at your doors. Notwithstanding the trials that are common and incident unto the children of men more especially unto the Saints in these days in which you are permitted to live — to see a day that many Prophets Holy men & women desired to see but died without the sight only by the eye of faith as many of us look forth unto the coming of the Son of man but shall be permitted to see the way prepared before his face and you shall be blessed in your house by and by according to the desires of your heart as touching that matter in basket and in store in knowledge in wisdom and in the communion of the Spirit with rights and inheritance which rights inherent shall be manifested in due time as also your lineage in which cometh your inheritance under the seal of the everlasting covenant therefore you are blessed Temporal[ly] [and spiritual[ly]] even you are one of the children of Jacob and heir to the promises made to Abraham an inheritor of this holy mountain and your seed after you and your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation and your days and years shall be according to your faith and the desires of your heart. These Blessings I seal upon your head. Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Isabella Horne on April 2, 1844]

Mary Isabella Horne daughter of Stephen and Mary An. Haler, born in Rocenham, County of Kent, in England, Nov, 20th, 1818.

Sister Mary Isabella, I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and bless you, the same is Patriarchal, by which your name shall be known in the midst of the blessed, and commemorated unto future generations. Behold, I say unto you, Mary Isabella, you shall be blessed, and have prosperity all your days pertaining to the things of this world; the blessings of Divine Providence shall provide for you and your house, food and raiment, houses and habitations, a place and where to lay your head, and for your faith and patience in tribulation, you shall overcome and have immortality and Eternal Life, for God knoweth your heart of integrity and that which is to come, and your faith and obedience; therefore He will bless you and your house, and He will cause the light of His glory to shine upon you from time to time, that shall stir you up into a newness of life: for whom God loveth He chasteneth and scourgeth every son and daughter whom He receiveth, that they may bring forth fruit in His Kingdom, and be made partakers of an exaltation and a throne of glory at His right hand.

Therefore you have only to look and you shall live, and prosperity shall multiply your basket and your store, and the spirit of grace shall abide in your heart henceforth and forever, and, you shall be blessed

with the Priesthood in your lineage, and you shall have an inheritance, upon the Mountains of Ephraim, and your posterity shall perpetuate your name, from generation to generation, and it shall be written in the chronicles of your brethren, to be commemorated and handed down in the Kingdom of God, and I seal you up unto Eternal Life; for what I seal on earth shall be sealed in Heaven, and your inheritance and the fulness of the everlasting Covenants, shall be in common with your husband. Your days are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head; even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ, April 2nd, 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of John Hardison Redd on April 3, 1844]

Patriarchal blessing of John Hardison Reed Son of Whitaker and Elizabeth Redd Born in Onalone County and State of North carolina December the 27th A.D. 1799

Brother John I lay my hands upon Your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal a blessing upon You touching the more important points of Your present and future conditions behold I say unto You John You are of the lineage of Jacob and of the tribe of Levi or in other words You are of that descent and of that origin and from that lineage cometh Your Blessings, from that lineage cometh priesthood and rights of priesthood and from that lineage cometh inheritance and rights inheritant as well as in all other tribes of the house of Israel. all these things are in accordance with the covenants made with the Fathers and in answer to their faith it cometh unto the children in the last days —

therefore in these things You are blessed when You Know them and the children are called unto a restoration and to the ministry and to the administration of the law of God — then You can be blessed spiritually and temporally if You are faithful in the calling wherewith You are called for as it is [illegible] if You seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness all other things shall be added — now therefore I say unto You John You shall be blessed with the priesthood and it shall be a blessing unto You and Your house and Your name shall be perpetuated From Generation to Generation and You shall be blessed in Your house and habitation and in the covenant of Grace and shall have an inheritance in the lineage of Your Fathers — and honour shall crown Your head notwithstanding the wickedness of the world. and You shall retire to Your Grave in peace. that many Years shall be multiplied upon Your head if Your faith fail not. These blessings I seal upon Your head according to the tinor [tenor] ther[e]of Even So Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus Christ April the 3rd A. D. 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of Curtis Edwin Bolton on May 10, 1844]

Patriarchal blessing of Curtis Edwin Bolton, son of Curtis and Ann Bolton born in Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania, July 16, 1812.

Brother Curtis, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth to place and seal a blessing upon you touching your lineage, inheritance, manifesting your rights inherent and the more important points of your present and future consideration, the same shall be according to the will of God as the spirit shall invite the matter. Behold, I say unto you Curtis, you shall be blessed and have prosperity in the dispensation of the Gospel that is committed to your charge and upon your head, an holy calling, even an holy seal of promise: The same was before the world was and your evidence and testimony are the intense desires of your heart, and the impressions of the holy spirit, and the contemplations of the mind which inspire your heart, and builds you up in the greatness of your soul: The same will give you strength henceforth and forever, the same is the still small voice that whispers peace, tranquility, also glory, honor, immortality and eternal life. And again you shall be blessed with priesthood and its gifts and graces.

Also, the power of its administrations shall be sealed upon your head which administrations there is

redemption and deliverance; and blessing to you and to your house and to your Father's house also; Prosperity shall be in your pathway in your goings out and in your comings in, in your testimony in your house and habitation, basket and store. You shall be blessed with volubility and your tongue shall be as the pen of a ready writer: and your gift and calling is unto gentile and unto Jew and your days shall be commensurate with the duties and greatness of your calling. And the way is before you, and the field is bread and extensive white and ready for the harvest. Therefore look and live saith the Lord and I will bless you and make the place of your feet beautiful upon the hills and the vallies [valleys] and upon the tops of the mountains. I will go before you and be your reward and crown your labor with shears, immortality and eternal life; fear not, for I will be with you and if you abide in me I will abide in you. You shall lack nothing.

Behold I live saith the Lord. Lo! I come quickly. And my reward is with me even so Amen. Now therefore I say unto you, Curtis, let your heart be comforted and take courage from this very hour. Be firm steadfast and immovable in the Gospel of truth and you shall abound in grace and enter into a fullness and shall come up upon Mount Zion with the hundred forty and four thousand and in Ephraim receive your inheritance and generation. For in Ephraim is the lineage of your fathers and from that lineage cometh your rights inherent thro[ugh]: which your name shall be perpetuated in everlasting remembrance. These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ, May 10, 1844.

**[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of High Priest of Noah Hubbard on June 3, 1844]**

A Patriarchal blessing of Noah Hubbard, son of Noah Eli and Prudence Hubbard, born in the town of Sheffield, County of Berkshire, State of Massachusetts, October 20, 1778.

Brother Noah, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place and seal a blessing upon you in your declining years, the same is Patriarchal and prophetic to come to pass in the future, according to the will of God in answer to the desires of your heart from time to time, throughout all the days of your probation, for you shall be blessed temporally here on earth and spiritually moreover by and by.

I ordain you an High Priest and unto the Holy Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek in this Church of Jesus Christ, to preach repentance and remission of sins and the endurance of faith.

This blessing is for you in your old age, that you may be blessed with the Priesthood and the power of its administrations, and also to bear testimony in the eleventh hour of your days, and in the eleventh hour speaking after the manner of the Lord, and receive your blessing at the end of your days. Therefore look and live and bear testimony wherever you may be of all the things you know and most assuredly believe, and the day cometh when you shall be blessed spiritually, and be remembered in mercy and honor and in your habitation and in your possessions, and in your fields and in your posterity, manifesting to your understanding from generation to generation, and your name shall be perpetuated and be blessed with an inheritance in the lineage of Jacob in Mount Zion, even with Joseph with the blessings of Ephraim to bear your head, and you shall go forth to and fro these many years. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ

[Patriarchal blessing of Cynthia Hubbard on June 3, 1844]

A Patriarchal blessing of Cynthia Hubbard, daughter of David and Elizabeth Clark, born in the town of Sheffield, County of Berkshire, State of Massachusetts, October 22, 1785.

Sister Cynthia, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you, and I seal you up unto Eternal Life and whatever I seal on earth shall be sealed in Heaven, a blessing by the Gift of God and a seal of promise, a blessing there is none greater. This is a reward laid up in remembrance of your pilgrimage and the desires and integrity of your heart, your firm reliance upon the merits of Jesus Christ, with unshaken confidence in the application of the Blood of the Lamb, through which cometh salvation, redemption and deliverance. Therefore you shall be blessed and have comfort and consecration henceforth and forever, and shall be blessed in your house and habitation, fields and possessions, in your incomings and outgoings and in days and in years. You shall have an inheritance in Mount Zion in the City of the New Jerusalem, with the remnants of the seed of Joseph, which blessing is according to the prophetic visions and lineage of your fathers, and your name shall be perpetuated in honor in the lineage of your posterity from generation to generation, and you shall have a home and a place in the mansions of your Father, as Sarah and Rachel. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ.

[Patriarchal blessing of James Madison Flake on June 12, 1844]

Brother James, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal a blessing upon you in the order of my calling, patriarchal and prophetic, to come to pass in the future according to the will of God from time to time in answer to the desires of your heart and according to your faith which is in Jesus Christ. Behold I say unto you James according to the workings of the spirit in me you are of the blood of Ephraim and from that lineage you have rights that are inherent under the promises and covenants, that are made with your fathers for this cause you have been wrought upon by the spirit of inspiration and have come up hither and your faith is unshaken for this cause you are blessed and shall be blessed and your children after you with the priesthood and the power of its administration and the keys of the knowledge of God through which you may receive a fullness of the everlasting covenant even the blessing of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and you shall be blessed in your avocations of life in your testimony in your house and habitation in the field and in the garner and your name shall have honor and be perpetuated from generation to generation and the blessings of Ephraim shall crown your head upon Mount Zion with the ten thousands of Ephraim and the thousands of Manassah

Therefore be firm steadfast and immovable and you shall abound in grace and every good gift henceforth and forever and your days shall be long in the land and you shall go up and down to and fro on the earth and prosperity shall be in your pathway notwithstanding the trials that are inherent to your calling where with you are called unto the ministry and as a laborer to the field in the eleventh hour that is white and ready for harvest in which your name shall be known and come up in honor on Mount Zion as a savior and a judge to judge the Mount of Esau with the residue of God's hosts. The fullness you know not, but by and by you shall know it. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, amen.

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Blessings by William Smith Dated June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of James Lawson on June 6, 1845]

June 6th 1845 The Patriarchal blessing of James Lawson son of Michael and Margaret Lawson born in Kinross Scotland July 20th 1820

Beloved Brother In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus christ who died to redeem the world from sin I lay my hands upon thy head to confer upon thee dear brother a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and of thy future prosperity and life sealing a blessing upon thee that shall prove unto thee a stay and a staff in the times of thy gloom and trouble for thou hast seen afflictions in days that are past and thine heart has been inspired by the Spirit of truth to seek greater light and knowledge and the God of thy Salvation has led thee according to the desire of thine heart and truly thy faith in the God of Abraham hath made thee whole and brought thee to see the Zion of the last days & made thy heart rejoice because of his glorious works and the light and knowledge that thy heart has aspired after has now dawned upon thy understanding and thy former expectations have been realized thus far in the glory of this work that thou hast embraced with a pure heart and with a determination to be numbered with the Israel of God

thou shalt still be made a partaker of greater blessings and thou shalt receive an endowment that is appointed unto thee and thine heart shall be filled with glory that shall reward thee for all of thy past labours thou shalt live to see the temple of God completed and before the Sanctuary of the Lord thou with thy bretheren [brethren], shalt receive an endowment for which thou hast labored, thou shalt also behold greater glories than thine heart had before anticipated, the riches of heaven shall be opened unto thee and escorts of Angels shall be round about thee and thou shalt have wisdom that shall increase thy knowledge and understanding: and gifts and blessings, the gift of the discerning [discerning] of Spirits a power given unto thee that thine enemies cannot gainsay or resist thy word for many shall believe in thy testimony and be brought to Zion for thy word shall be heard in the midst of the congregations of the wicked and thousands shall rejoice in the testimony that thou shall be called hereafter to bear and thy word shall be received, for by the integrity and honesty of thy heart they shall say thou art a man of truth and the Servant of the most high God, strictly bearing upon all thy ways character and conduct the marks of the seed of the house of Israel

for thou art a descendant of Abraham through the loins of Joseph and shall be numbered with the hundred and forty four thousand that shall stand upon Mount Zion in the last days and I seal as the servant of the living God upon thine head the privilege and blessing of an everlasting inheritance in the city of God and no enemy shall despoil thee or take thy crown and if thou should's't fall by transgression at any time, yet

the Lord will hunt after thee and gather thee as a lost sheep upon the mountains and bring thee into his fold again. thy days are all numbered, thy destiny and work and labor in the ministry is appointed unto thee by the great God and thou shalt be blessed with many sheaves in the labor of thy ministry thou shalt also inherit another blessing thy family connexions [connections] which are now strange and numbered among the Gentile nations of the earth shall all be brought into the fold with thee and with thy partner whom the Lord will give unto thee thou shalt have the honor to preside over many these blessing with that of all that pertains to this life peculiar and necessary to a member of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints and that life which is to come I confer and seal upon thee and if thou art faithful in the observance of the Spirit of God that shall be given thee at all times for the guide and instructor thou shalt inherit all these blessings for the observe of Abraham and all holy Prophets is upon thee even so Amen.

Conferred by William Smith Patriarch over the Church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints.

[Patriarchal blessing of Robert Gardner on June 12, 1845]

June 12th 1845 The Patriarchal blessing of Robert Gardner son of Robert and Margaret Gardener born in Glasgow Scotland October 1819.

Beloved brother Gardner. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing and a blessing that is purely Patriarchal and one that shall prove a source of joy to thee in the times of sickness sorrow trouble and distress, thy past life up to this present time has been a life of sorrow and of much trouble yet thine aspirations after knowledge and the glory of God has brought thee to this land and thy Spirit has been refreshed and with new courage thou wilt return to the land of thy friends and the testimony thou shalt bear for Zion and its sons will make the hearts of many rejoice thou shalt be blessed on thy journey homeward and in all the labours of thine hands and especially in bearing testimony to the truths of Mormonism that have been revealed through the Prophet of the last days

and in whatsoever thou shalt put thine hands to do thou shalt prosper when thy heart is right before the Lord and when the Commandments of God are duly considered by thee wisdom shall be given unto thee to unfold mysteries and dark passages of Scripture in a manner that shall prove astonishing to thyself by the help of the Spirit of God which is the Spirit of Revelation, thou hast been appointed unto an holy calling even the Priesthood of Melchisedek to administer in Sacraments as he was called and ordained of old the blessings of Jacob and his twelve sons are upon thine head, and after many days thou shalt return to this place again and behold the temple of God when it is finished and view all of its apartments in this thou shalt behold a fulfilment of the promises made by ancient Israel for thou art one of the chosen seed of promise and thou shalt receive an exaltation to a greater glory than thine heart now anticipates for the power and blessing of the Holy Priesthood is upon thee and shall be truly manifested as it was in the days of Prophets

the blood of Ephraim runs in thy veins and thou art a descendent of Abraham thy name shall be perpetuated to many generations thy days shall be long in the land yet thou wilt see some more days of trouble for thine enemies will conspire against thee because of the message thou shalt bear to them, and in this time of trouble thou shalt find a friend that is true and faithful and by the prayer of thy faithful companion who is thy bosom friend and one who will prove true unto thee unto death thou wilt be delivered and great shall be thy deliverance, when gloomy clouds arise and thy Spirit becomes drooping the visions of heaven by night shall relieve all thy doubts and fears and thy dreams shall trouble thee much in times when thou art in the greatest dangers and it shall be said of thee thou art a dreamer and a Visionary man because of thy faith in those things and in spite of all thine enemies thou Shalt have influence over thy father[']s house and to rule thine own family well and if thou art faithful no power in heaven on earth or under the earth, or even in the regions of the damned shall wrest thy crown from thee or deprive thee of thy Salvation and thy Salvation

and the Society of thine own relations and family in the kingdom of God thy posterity shall become numerous and be gathered with thee to Zion and jointly with thee have an everlasting inheritance which is eternal and immortal all of this blessing of which I have spoken I seal upon thine head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen

Conferred by William Smith Patriarch

[Patriarchal blessing of Nathan W. Packer on June 19, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Nathan W. Packer son of Moses & Eve Packer born in Jefferson County Ohio 2d January 1811

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing a blessing that shall be descriptive of thy character and of thy future prosperity this blessing is confer[r]ed upon thy head by one who holds the authority of the Patriarchal office at this time over the whole church of God and because thou hast desired an increase of knowledge this blessing is conferred upon thee in which thy descent is made known for thou art a descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt and his blessing is upon thine head and the blessing of holy Prophets and Apostles; for as a laborer, and tiller of the soil, the Earth will yield unto thee her fruit, and strength, and by the dews of heaven thy flocks and thy labors, even all the labor of thine hand shall be blest, for thou art delighted with the arts of husbandry and one who studies the planets and the laws by which they are governed the times and seasons and changes of the moon thy skill is made known as an artful designer and as one who can measure well the strength of man & also of beast, and understand the laws and rules of governing the vegetable kingdom in many respects, yet thine heart aspires after more exalted glory, and wisdom shall be increased upon thee

and because of thy knowledge and faith in the Gospel of christ thou shalt be exalted and obtain even that knowledge that angels have desired to look into and have not enjoyed the sight, but shall be made known to thee in the fulness of times, when thou art perfected and great shall be the work that shall be performed from under thine hands and none can hind[er] for when the seed of Israel is gathered to Zion, and the Gospel is taken from the Gentile nations, thou shalt live to behold the glory of God[']s people and their salvation in the day of his visitation upon the nations of the Earth in mighty judgement when many shall escape unto the mountains and all the true Israel of God shall be saved, and thou shalt realize the fulfilment of this blessin[g] upon thine head in thy lifetime and in the world to come inherit eternal life even so Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch to the church of Jesus chris[t] of Latter day Saints at Nauvoo the city of Joseph 19th June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Packer on June 19, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Packer daughter of Samuel and Mary Taylor born Fayette Co Penn 6th December 1812

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus christ, with the blessing that is Patriarchal and given by the authorit[y] of the holy Priesthood, because of the desires of thine heart to obtain a father[']s blessing, thou shalt therefore be blessed throughout thy day and generation for thou art one of the daughters of Abraham and of the seed of the house of Israel. a legal descendant of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim. by means of this lineage thou art chosen and blessed. and thy days shall be long in the land. and thou shalt realize thy hearts desire and be filled with all the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel, because thou hast desired much to see and behold the glory of the last days. and the building up of Zion. and when enemies have sought to destroy thee thou hast been delivered from them up to the present time and they shall not despoil thee of thy glorious crown. neither shall they deprive

thee of thy peace. with thy companion in the kingdom of God. thy prayers and faithfulness in conjunction with thy husband hath saved thee. and thou art saved from the power of thine enemies.

I seal upon thy head the blessings of health. and when thou art afflicted if thou wilt read this blessing. and look to God in faith thou shalt be raised up. thy name shall be named upon many who are of thy descent. to which descent belongeth the Priesthood and the power of ministering before the altar [altar]. thy name shall not be forgotten but had in everlasting remembrance thou hast seen days of trouble and thy heart has been afflicted with days of sorrow and grief. but thy last days shall not be as thy former days. for thy feelings shall be restored and thy comforts increased upon thee. and riches and honor with the blessings of the earth of the dew and the deep are upon thine head. and thou shalt labor and eat the fruit thereof and none other shall take thine inheritance. for that blessing of salvation that is now sealed upon thy head is everlasting. eternal and immortal and if thou art true and faithful all this blessing shall be realized by thee and none shall take thy crown. for I seal it upon thee in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

Conferred by William Smith Patriarch to th[e] church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints at Nauvoo the city of Joseph 19th June 18[45]

[Patriarchal blessing of Howard Coray on June 20, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Howard Coray son of Silas and Mary born Steuben Co New York 6th of May 1817.

Dear Brother Coray I lay my hands upon you at this time to confer upon you a father[']s blessing because of the desires of thine heart for an increase of knowledge and to do good in all things. in building up Zion thy lifetime shall be the time of all thy troubles and sorrows for when pain and death is swallowed up in the victory of the cross thou shalt enter into a fulness of joy and a salvation that is celestial and suffer no longer pain or torment nor afflicted by enemies or sin. thou art one of the chosen seed of Israel art art numbered with the multitude of that seed that bears the name of Abraham. for thou art of peculiar descent. yet a descendant of Joseph. in this blessing then thy posterity is made known. for upon thy seed descendeth the power and blessings of the Holy Priesthood, and shall be handed down to thy posterity. thousands shall follow thine example and thy name shall be written in the temple of God. and thou shalt be a recorder of sacred histories and the priesthood to which thou art appointed shall follow up in the proper lineage by which also thy name shall be named upon many, thou shalt live to realize the fulfilment of much of this blessing thou shalt be astonished to behold the prosperity of Zion and the gathering together of the house of Israel.

and when thou shalt see all this thou shalt realize more of the power of the Holy Priesthood to which thou art appointed. many shall hear thy voice in distant lands it shall be heard in the East in the West in the North and in the South and thy family relatives shall honor the[e] because of the Priesthood and of the labors of thy ministry and when thou art cast down because of evils & the unbelieve [unbelief] of people the hardness of the hearts of thy friends thou shalt be visited by a still small voice that shall comfort thee and give thee most perfect conquest and the power of that Priesthood that pertaineth to thy lineage influence over every opposition. and perfect controle [control] of those who are of thy relations. of thy household and of thy friends. For by authority thou shalt speak and none can hinder and in wisdom thou shalt govern thy house.

and thy companion will adhere to thy laws. She shall become a partaker with the[e] of many blessings and none shall take her crown neither can they despoil thee of thy glory. of thine exaltation and of the blessings and privilege that belong to thee and of this holy order of God wisdom shall be given unto thee by the gift of the holy Spirit for by this Spirit shalt thou be led and in times of thy darkest hours thou shalt behold the light and by Vissions [Visions] and dreams thou shalt understand the will of God concerning thee:

Poverty and want shall not increase upon thee for better days are thine which are to come. Though Satan may seek in many ways and by his craft inspire the hearts of men to hinder thy progress. and deprive thee of thy glory. the the blessings and privaliges [privileges] of the kingdom. hinder the prosperity of thy famaly [family] and disturn thy domestic enjoyments. which has already been the work of designing men in secret. yet thou shalt triumph with an immortal triumph. and there [their] ways shall be hedged up. and they shall not be prospered in there [their] understanding neither in their day nor throughout their generations unless they repent and restore that which they have taken away from thee. which is but that right and privalige [privilege] ordained upon thine head from times before by the almighty God. even the true riches of earth the honor of thine industry. and a reward of thy labors in all thy life. a more full understanding of this blessing shall be unfolded unto thee after this.

and if thou art true and faithful to thy calling and trust the blessings of holy Prophets and Apostles are upon thine head and by them thou art Eternally saved. and by them thine enemies shall feel the wrath of there [their] own doings and fall in there [their] own snare and the ditch they have dug for their neighbours thy days are numbered and they are not a few. and wisdom shall increase upon thee. and what has been told thee in this blessing shall prove to thy Salvation when thou art perfected. and delivered from sin. and in the resurrection thou shalt realize the whole of this. for by the authority of a Patriarch in the church of God. I seal upon thine head a blessing which is after the power of an endless life which is everlasting and immortal with an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus christ even so Amen.

Conferred by William Smith Patriarch to the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints at Nauvoo the city of Joseph. June 20th AD 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Sidney Roberts on June 20, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Sidney Roberts son of John B & Phebe born Fairfield Co. Connecticut 28th August 1809.

Dear Brother Roberts — I bless you in the name of Jesus Christ and confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing that thy lineage may be made known and thy future destiny more perfectly unfolded thou art numbered with the seed of the house of Israel and not a Gentile by blood though thy fathers have partaken of that blood because of which they are not of the Royal seed in full still in their veins has descended a sufficiency of the Royal stock to preserve the Priesthood for thee thou art one of the children of Ephraim this blood descending through Abraham Issac [Isaac] and Jacob which has conferred upon thee the blessings of all the rights powers and privileges of the Melchisedec Priesthood this Priesthood will be handed down to thy posterity for thy name shall be remembered and written in heaven and also in the temple of God on sacred record and also the name of thy family for they are of thy blood and of the pure seed and stock of the Ephraimites

there is an enduement [endowment] for thee and when the perfection of the same is conferred upon thy head thine heart shall understand greater knowledge the Spirit by which thou hast been led in times that are past will lead thee into a greater fulness of that glory which will cause thine heart to expand as the Angels of heaven and by dreams and Visions [Visions] thou shalt learn the wonderful works of God and be satisfied with the Revelation of his will wherein strange things have been revealed through the Prophet Joseph in these last days but because of thy determination to follow up the footsteps of inspired men to obey their Council and keep the commandments of God thou shalt realize more of the power of thy Priesthood none shall have power to take thine crown yet thou hast had enemies and they have lurked in the dark their secret whisperings have been against thee but they had not power to overthrow thee for this reason thou art yet in the kingdom of God and as one of the bright and shining lights of heaven

the errors of the past are all forgotten and none of them are written in the book of God and thy prayers have blotted them out and if at any time thou shalt sin and stray from the fold of Christ thou shalt be looked after and gathered up as a Sheep from the mountains with great joy of heart thy Spirit also shall be of the purest kind yet by means of the weakness of the flesh the Devil will have great power still by the words of thy mouth he shall be vanquished and the power of the Priesthood shall be made known in miracles wonders and marvellous works in gifts and blessings of the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom shall be given unto thee and also the gift of tongues and by Revelations thou shalt speak unto the Gentiles and thy voice shall be unto them as one that hath a familiar Spirit and they shall say who is this that turneth things upside down yet thou shalt prosper in the labor of thy hands and in thy ministry and none shall hinder thee for the Spirit of God hath said it and it shall be fulfilled every whit upon thine head

thou shalt return to Zion after the labor of many days for thou hast seen many days and many more are appointed unto thee and when thou shalt look upon this blessing in times of thine affliction it shall afford thee comfort and consolation and by faith and prayer thou shalt be delivered from enemies and the power of disease until thine appointed time and although prisons and bonds await thee for the testimony thou shalt bear yet thou shalt triumph over thine enemies and sit down in Zion in the last days when thou art old with thy family gathered around thee and with many of thy kindred thou shalt be revered by them through all eternity for they will look upon thee as their Priest their king and their Redeemer and call thee blessed and all the days of this life shall afford thee comfort and consolation which is unspeakable and full of glory which is thy final exaltation and fulness of thy Salvation the power and glory of which with all its attendant blessings immunities and privileges I confer upon thine head and if thou art faithful thou shalt inherit them all in the name of Jesus Christ even so Amen

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch at Nauvoo the city of Joseph 20th June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Mathias Cowley¹ on June 20, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Mathias Cowley son of James and Isabella born Kirkbradden Isle of Man December 2nd 1829

My Brother — I bless thee in the name of Jesus Christ with a Patriarchal blessing, this blessing shall afford thee comfort while thou art growing up in years for because of that natural disposition inherited from thy fathers to seek after knowledge and to be numbered with the Israel of God thou shalt become great in thy day and generation and when more mature years have rolled upon thee thou shalt understand greater mysteries of the kingdom for there are many things that are laid up for thee that shall be revealed in the own due time of the Lord and in a manner that shall make thee great in thy generation thou art now in the days of thy youth and because of thy lineage thou art numbered with thee [the] seed of Abraham and a Priesthood is prepared for thee that shall endue [endow] thee with great qualifications for thou art of the seed of Joseph through and by the tribe of Judah thy blood having intermingled with the tribe of Judah because of the Apostacy of the Josephites from the true faith and mingling among the nations of the earth

thou art a singular child and of a strange and peculiar disposition this has already been seen and must and will be seen in many hereafter thy name shall be had in remembrance and thou shalt be prospered as

1. Mathias Cowley was fifteen years old at the time of his blessing. He later recorded: "I was playing on the Bank of the Mississippi River, opposite to Bro William Smith's, brother to the Prophet Joseph, and then Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He comes out to the top of the Bank, and calls me by name, says he; 'come into the House, I want you.'—I followed him into the house, he handed me a chair, and told me to sit down, because he wanted to Bless me—he lays his hands upon my head, and commences as follows ..." (Mathias Cowley, Journal, LDS Archives).

one that searcheth after the treasures of heaven thou shalt be great in thy day in taking observations and criticising upon the acts of the people for thou wilt journey to distant lands and visit many kingdoms thy voice shall be heard upon Vessels on the sea and also on the land and a great nation shall come of thy labors and although sickness trials and troubles disappointments and perplexities await thee and temptations arise to lead thee from the path of virtue for the Devil will seek to destroy thee all thy lifetime yet because of the elect and the purposes of God thou shalt be saved

and when thou art old thou shalt sit down in the temple of God in the city of the Saints and count up the history of thy life in joy and not with grief and when the Savior comes thou shalt be with him in the clouds of heaven and receive an everlasting inheritance and if thou art prayerful and faithful in all things in keeping the commandments of God and obeying the Council [Counsel] of those who are placed in authority over thee thou shalt be instructed in wisdom and be blessed with a Salvation that is immortal in the kingdom of God which blessing I seal upon thee dear Brother in the name of Jesus Christ. even so. Amen

Given by William Smith Patriarch at Nauvoo the city of Joseph 20th June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel C. Brown on June 20, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Samuel C. Brown son of David and Mary born Frederick Co Virginia October 10th 1820.

Dear Brother Samuel I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing for I look upon you as a lonely wanderer and as an orphan child travelling among Strangers and as a pilgrim on the earth and although thou hast been rejected by many yet many have received thee and have taken thee into their houses and bid thee God speed and none will dispute but what thou art honest and that thy intentions are good in preaching the Gospel and yet for the want of greater wisdom thy zeal is greater than thy knowledge yet thou Shalt be instructed and learn wisdom because thou art willing to be taught by the Bretheren [Brethren]

when thou art humble and led by the Spirit of God and if at anytime thou shouldst be lifted up and be exalted in thine own heart after many days humility cometh again thou hast been truly born into the kingdom of God and thy faith hath made thee an heir of Abraham and a joint heir with Jesus Christ for after all thy labors are done thou shalt be rewarded according to the ability and prudence thou hast possessed and in that faith which is of Abraham that maketh the[e] one of the chosen seed of Israel thou art saved by grace and not by works yet a proper increase of works will perfect thy Salvation for the elect hath obtained it and none shall wrest it from thy hands thou hast a work to perform and it shall be according to the appointments thou hast received and none shall despoil thee of thy glory when thou art made a partaker of the appointments that have been made by God when thou art fully called and chosen

thou shalt realize a restoration in time to all that thou hast lost because of thy determination to continue in the faith of the Gospel although at times thou hast been wearied and almost fainted by the way yet dear Brother thou shalt be respected and loved by many because of thine innocence and desire to do right and if thou wilt continue from this time forth to pray much and learn of thy Bretheren [Brethren] who are in authority over thee and will abide their Council thou shalt visit the temple when it is done and receive greater blessings in the same others shall hear thy voice besides those who are in the city of the Saints for thou wilt after a while travel and journey again and whither thou art sent out to preach as one of the appointed Elders in Israel yet thou wilt lift up thy voice and bear thy testimony and wisdom shall be increased upon thee for some have thought thee not very wise yet God is able to make thee an instrument in his hand to do good and get to thyself a name that shall never be forgotten and because of the willingness of thy heart to sacrifice thy life thy money and thy goods to build up Zion and preach the Gospel thy Sins are all for-

given thee thy days shall be lengthened out and thou shalt lay down thy life in peace and receive four fold for all the good thou hast down [done] in the morning of the first Resurrection the blessing with which the Prophets blessed their children is upon thine head even the blessing of eternal life which blessing I seal upon thee dear Brother in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

Given by William Smith Patriarch at the City of Joseph June 20th 1845 Recorded by Robert Campbell his Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of David Elliott on June 21, 1845]

Patriarchal blessing of David Elliott son of Peter & Phebe born in Montgomery County New York 18th November 1799

Broth[e]r. David I lay my hands upon your head and confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing because of thy faith and the integrity of thine heart and thy long suffering. this blessing shall truly [be] descriptive of thy character & future prospects. thine heart has desired much to behold the glory of Zion. its prosperity and welfare and for this thou art blessed and thy name shall be named upon many and be had in everlasting remembrance it shall be written upon the walls of Zion and be read by thy posterity after thee and they shall rejoice because of the honor of thy name. thy deeds even many of them shall be written in the book and be deposited in the archives of the temple when it is finished God has not remembered thy sins against thee for they are blotted from the book of remembrance. and thine inheritance is sealed with an irrevocable decree.

and none shall take thy crown for thou art a Josephite by blood to whom belongs the Holy Priesthood. and all the rights pertaining thereunto none shall receive a greater crown in the kingdom of God because of thy labors and of the integrity of thine heart which has been all the day long and through much suffering thou hast mourned to behold Zion languish and to view her suffering when Zion has bled because of enemies and the persecuting hand has driven them from their home. thy Spirit has inspired after that. that should exalt the Saints of God and should deliver them from their enemies and thou shalt live to see and realize the desires of thy heart in the prosperity of Zion and the building up of the kingdom of God on the face of the earth and all those who have been thine enemies in times that are past. who have sought in secret and otherwise to destroy thee shall not prosper in their day and generation for in an hour shall they be brought to nought and all their riches be consumed and there [their] honors shall be no more and as though they had no name in the Earth and there [their] posterity shall be forever forgotten and because thou hast been a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief thy Spirit has been humbled and the contrition of thy Soul has brought upon thee the joys of an eternal Salvation and no power can wrest it from thy hand.

thy work dear Brother is not yet done for in distant lands thy voice shall be heard in proclaiming the everlasting Gospel and thy famaly [family] relatives shall hear thy voice and obey thy word. and from this time henceforth and forever thou art appointed to presid[e] over them. for thou shalt wear the name of a Prophet. by means of the Spirit of God a Priest and a king and possession a kingdom to rule over and many from this time who are not numbered with thy faith who are of thy blood shall be made pertakers [partakers] of the glory of Zion. and by thy ministry shall be brought to the city of God. and sit down with thee in thy kingdom to go no more out forever and thy word shall be counted mighty in the land because of thy honesty of thine heart and all that do hear thee and love the truth shall praise thy name and thine heart shall be comforted and although thy days are appointed to thee yet thou shalt see many more. and thy famaly [family] connections who are of thy household shall hear and obey thy voice or receive not of the blessings to which thou art called and ordained. and if at any time they should not obey thee after many days others shall magnify their callings and glorgfy [glorify] God in thy Salvation. yet thou shalt have power in the eternal world to preach to them who have fallen and arrange in thy heavenly kingdom all

things in perfect order and thou stand at the head of father of a numerous posterity; enemies shall not deprive thee of thy glory.

and thy soul shall be satisfied when thou hast understood more perfectly this blessing for none under the canopy of heaven can claim a higher title to the Royal Stock and of the seed of Abraham this therefore gives thee a legal right to inherit the Priesthood of Melchisedek to which thou art called and ordained thy spirit and courage shall increase upon thee and thy last days shall not be the days of sorrow and grief. for thou hast been true and faithful all the day long and in old age shalt thou sit down in the city of Zion before the sanctuary of the Lord and count up thy generations and the names of many of thy forefathers shall be revealed unto thee and thou shalt administer unto them in the fount [font], and attend to their washings and anointings that will constitute the fulness of thine endowment and make thee a Redeemer and savior on Mount Zion and numbered with the 144,000 with garments pure and white thou shalt be brought in the clouds of heaven in the morning of the first Resurrection and the voice of Joseph shall hail thee as thy friend and deliverer he shall lead thee in his bosom and bring thee to a heavenly kingdom that is celestial and there thou shalt rest in peace and if thou wilt continue faithful none of these blessings shall fail upon thine head for I seal it upon thee with the life that is eternal everlasting and immortal with an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus christ even so Amen.

Conferred by William Smith Patriarch to the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints at Nauvoo the city of Joseph June the 21st AD 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of William A. Beebe on June 21, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of William A Beebe son of John and Lydia born Greenville Massachusetts June 9th 1813

I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing because thou hast desired an increase of knowledge and an improvement in the mechanical arts in the days of thy life and there are other blessings that thou hast desired to obtain which are of a more exalted character and belong to the house of God — the Devil has sought much in times that are past to destroy thee by temptations in the way yet through the wisdom of God thou hast been preserved and by his grace forgiven of all thy sins doubts and fears the glory of Zion has been the aspirations of thine heart yet thou hast been troubled about many things that did not belong to thee to understand for the time is more fully coming when thou shalt understand the will of God more perfectly and the glory of thee [the] third heavens shall be unfolded unto thee thou shalt have a peculiar desire to examine every apartment of the temple when it is finished and understand the order of its arrangements and all the blessings that belong to the enduement [endowment]

and for a particular purpose thou shalt be called upon to stand before the Sanctuary of the Lord and there be administered unto and shalt become a partaker of the blessings of the altar and thy companion with thee whose heart has desired thy Salvation and who has prayed for thee many times in secret she shall not loose her crown neither her place with thee for none other shall take her place with thee for none other shall take her place² thy posterity shall be considered numerous upon the face of the earth and from the mountains many of them shall be gathered — As sheep that are scattered — by a faithful Shepherd and they shall be returned to Zion and join with their kindred and their blood

for thou art one of the seed of Abraham and an Israelite indeed a descendant of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim though many of thy fathers have mingled with the house of Judah and by their apostacy lost the Priesthood in their day but there [their] blood has been gathered out and preserved in the stock of

2. The words “for none other shall take her place” are repeated.

Israel and upon them has the Priesthood descended because of the Royal seed thou hast not seen the fulness of the glory of Zion neither lived out thine appointed time for Angels have received charge concerning thee and by visions and dreams thou Shalt be warned of marvellous events the gifts of wisdom and knowledge are thine and the discerning of Spirits and none shall have power to deceive thee by their cunning craft for in a most marvellous manner hast thou enjoyed the gift of the Spirit in times that are past and the wicked acts of men have been made known to thine understanding by which thou hast been delivered from their devices to destroy thee and if faithful and true this conquest shall be thy common lot and for thy comfort thou shalt inherit greater wisdom and understand greater mysteries even as Paul of old thy voice shall also be heard by many and thy testimony shall be borne to thy father[']s house many of whom shall be a partaker with thee in all these blessings and because of the integrity of thine heart thou shalt understand greater wisdom and the blessings of the Holy Spirit with all the attendant power of the Holy Priesthood shall be upon thee for by the highest authority in the church of God I seal thee up to eternal life and to a Salvation that is immortal and that shall never end in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch City of Joseph June 21st 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Louisa B. Beebe on June 21, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Louisa B. Beebe daughter of Philo & Louis Newton born Berkshire Co Massachusetts August 11 1808

Dear Sister thou art also blessed with thy companion with a father[']s blessing which is a blessing conferred by Patriarchs and Prophets according to the order of God from days of old by which authority the seed of the house of Israel is sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the stock of thy husband thine heart has desired to understand thy lineage and to learn of thy progenitors from whom thou hast descended they are those of whom the Prophets wrote that should succeed in the holy ministry and inherit by legal heirship the Priesthood of Melchisdec for they were the sons of God who were brought up and as witnesses stood in their day and generation and proclaimed that God had not forsaken the earth or forgotten his covenant people and by the election of grace and that purpose of God that he purposed in himself before the foundation of the world thou art saved for the election hath obtained it to whom more fully belongs the Holy Priesthood and to none other people this being the purpose of God that none other should minister before the altar but the promised seed

thy past life has been a marvel and a miracle unto thee for thou hast been preserved from many dangers and been raised from beds of sickness and in thy father[']s house thou hast been distinguished as one of peculiar character and Disposition many have pointed thee out not knowing thy name or descent but the aspirations of thy Soul have made thee an heir of God and exalted thee above many of thy father[']s house thou shalt see after many days the fruits of thy labors and words that have been spoken in prudence and in power will bring with them their fruit and thou shalt be astonished when thou shalt behold a greater fulness of the Gospel of christ thy mind shall become strengthened and if thou wilt be prayerful the Spirit of God will teach thee and great wisdom and knowledge shall be given thee, and the hours of thy meditation shall be sweet

for thou shalt behold an Angel in the dark hours of the night and in a dream he shall appear dressed in white array and he shall be unto thee as the voice of Joseph thy doubts and fears shall be removed thou shalt behold him afar off beckoning for thee to come and the time shall come when thy desire shall be to depart. and unto thy husband thou shalt prove a Ministering Angel and all the days of thy life shall suffice for thy torment but in heaven pain and sorrow shall be known no more thy sins are forgiven thee and let thy heart be comforted for thou hast not seen all neither has it entered into the heart what the Lord has prepared for

thee and if thou art tempted & at any time cast down thy guardian Angel which is appointed of God shall comfort thee and by a still small voice thou shalt rest thy Soul in sleep and waking hours and in the morning of the first Resurrection thou shalt wake never to sleep again the sleep of death and the blessing of an eternal Salvation a crown that never fadeth away and a glory that is celestial I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch City of Joseph June 21st 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Anna Landers on June 23, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Anna Landers daughter of John and Sabra Farnam born Leeds Co. Upper Canada 14th Augt 1818

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to bless you in the name of Jesus Christ and confer upon your head by the sealing authority a Patriarchal blessing, a blessing given by the same Spirit by which blessings were given upon the heads of children in days of old conferred by Patriarchs and Prophets, which blessing extends the promises of God throughout the generations of the Royal seed for thou art of that descent, and thy blood is numbered among the daughters of Abraham, to whom great promises were made, that his seed should be numerous in the earth, as the Stars in the firmament, thy fathers were of the stock on whom was conferred the Holy Priesthood in their day, and they administered in Spiritual things, and were called the mighty Priests in their day and time of ministry, and by their ministry through the Spirit of prophecy, by the laying on of hands, thou art numbered and become a partaker of their blessings, thou art a literal descendant of Abraham through the loins of Joseph, and no power under the heavens can erase thy posterity from the earth,

thou shalt be exalted in time, and the sufferings of thy past days shall not be remembered for thou hast seen trouble and thy Spirit has been weighed down, yet better days are coming, and thou shalt realize thee [the] desires of thine heart and a friend shall be given thee in whom thou canst trust and thy Spirit shall be comforted his name shall be great in the midst of the earth, thou shalt see this day and rejoice in it many friends will gather round thee and call thee blessed because of thy faith and wisdom and the integrity of thine heart as a monument to many people shall be had in everlasting remembrance thou shalt receive a new name that none can read besides thee and there shall be power in that name that will call down the blessings of heaven, on thy head, and deliver thee from beds of sickness none of thy sex shall enjoy greater wisdom in the day and time of thy perfection,

for greater glory awaits thee and thy days are truly numbered and thou shalt live to see many more and by dreams and Visions of the night, the Spirit of God shall unfold to thine understanding wisdom and glory, that hath not been spoken by man, yet thou shalt realize all of it and every whit of this blessing, thy name shall be named upon many and written upon Zion where thou shalt enjoy an everlasting inheritance with all thy friends and relatives with thee and in eternity thou shalt not be found wanting, for the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ in the Salvation of thy Soul, and of thy father[']s house, & upon thy head Beloved Sister I seal all these blessings, by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, and if thou art faithful in keeping the commendments [commandments] of God every word shall be fulfilled for it is spoken by an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so — Amen

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch city of Joseph June 23d 1845

[Confirmation of patriarchal blessing of Ebenezer Landers on June 23, 1845]

Confirmation of blessing conferred by father [Joseph] Smith [Sr.] on the head of Ebenezer Landers son of Ebenezer & Betsy born in Pittsburgh County of Frontinack Upper Canada 29th September 1816

Dear Brother — this is only a confirmation of the blessing thou hast received from under the hands of my father who was the first Patriarch in the church of God in these last days. this blessing shall be unto thee a source of comfort and a fountain of life for thou art of the blood of Ephraim and thy blood is sprinkled among many nations and with the sons of Abraham thou shalt be gathered and saved in the kingdom of God and thou shalt realize in time and in eternity the fulfilment of this blessing upon thine head and of all that has been spoken before concerning thee in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen

Given by William Smith Patriarch at Nauvoo 23d June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Henriette Whitney on June 23, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Henriette Whitney daughter of Samuel and Nancy Keys born Pike Co Ohio 25th December 1821

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands upon your head and confer upon you a father[']s blessing, this blessing shall be truly descriptive of thy character, and future prospects, because thou hast in days that are past desired to know the true and living way, and to be saved in the kingdom of God, this desire of thine heart has brought thee from thy kindred and home to this land, the things of this world have lost their charm, and thy friends and earthly enjoyments thou hast been willing to sacrifice, to obtain glories and blessings that are laid up for the faithful in Zion, thy mind has been truly deep and contemplative, for thou hast thought much on these things and thy thoughts are not made known, thy troubles and trials are pondered in secret and the grief of thine heart is not made known on the housetops, and not even to thy most confiding friends,

thou hast witnessed changes in thy past life that would bring tears of sorrow to express them, and make them fully known, I will not mention them in this blessing but the Spirit saith, thy Spirit hath been gloomy; the clouds, dear Sister, is now being driven away, and greater light appears, and things even the remembrance of the past shall not be brought up, but they shall be forgotten, when thou art glorified and enjoy a greater fulness: thou shalt enjoy the privilege of exploring the temple when it is finished, and thoughts of a singular character shall arise in thy mind, these perceptions shall print upon thy memory, when thou art more fully perfected, things that are of an ancient character, and thy reverence shall not fail for they shall be esteemed high by thee, for with true fidelity and faithfulness shalt thou serve the Lord, thou shalt not be a Sharer alone in these blessings but if at any time thou shouldst stray from the fold of Christ and thy faith become weak, the Shepherd of the good Sheep will look thee up, and thou shalt be returned to the fold, none in the kingdom shall be more exalted among all the daughters of Abraham of whom thou art a descendant,

this therefore will explain from whence thou hast sprang, and of thy parentage for among those who shall be the honored ones of the earth in the kingdom of Abraham. there thy name shall be spoken of with respect, and thou shalt preside over many, true Riches and the length of days are thine, the Devil and his emissaries will lay snares for thee in the way to entrap thy feet, and thou shalt be troubled with strange questions because of the traditions of thy fathers, yet when thou art more fully instructed, and thy Soul sufficiently humbled, thy pathway shall be made plain and the crooked places straight, thou shalt have wisdom and understand great knowledge, but this shall be hid in thy bosom as a Monitor to direct thee through this world of trouble, and I seal upon thy head all the blessings of this life and that life which is to come, by an unchangeable decree in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

Given by William Smith Patriarch 23d June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of William Cottier on June 23, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of William Cottier son of William and Catherine born Kirkpatrick Isle of Man March 3d 1820

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to renew upon thee a blessing already conferred by a Patriarch not only in these times but the same that was in the days of thy fathers thy desires have been to be a partaker of the celestial glory of God and it has been with great anxiety of mind that thou has looked forward to the completion of the temple and to see Zion prosper and a kingdom built up on the face of the earth thy mind has been troubled about many things and by temptations thy confidence weakened in some men yet the same has been restored again and thy mind shall receive strength the Devil with many devices has sought to destroy thy Soul and to bind thee down by his strong chains to destroy thy better judgement and to deprive thee of that right privilege knowledge and glory of God that pertaineth to thy posterity

yet a Spirit of truth shall come over thee that shall renovate thy whole system and the infirmity of thy mind and body shall be strengthened this blessing shall afford thee comfort when in times of trouble and temptations for a voice shall whisper into thy mind the plan of redemption and thy Salvation and final deliverance from the power of sin and Satan thou art truly of the stock of Abraham and of the seed of Joseph through the loins of Mannasseh [Manasseh] and all the promises made by the fathers are thine when the time of the fulness of the glory of God shall be revealed and because of thy faith which is the faith of Abraham thou hast been led from distant lands to this place the power of God has borne thee up and by his marvellous power thou hast been preserved from dangers unseen it has been by many miracles that thou art alive at this time for which the almighty God is worthy of all praise and adoration there is yet in time to come more trouble that awaits thee yet in the midst of all thy Sorrow thou shalt behold thy Redeemer and thy God he shall deliver thee from dark pits and gloomy dungeons and thou shalt enjoy the light of the sun and exclaim it is good to enjoy the liberty of the sons of God

and in thy day shalt thou enjoy and realize a part of this blessing the Spirit of God which is thy directer [director] shall teach thee and direct thee in the times of thy distress great wisdom shall be given thee that shall astonish thy hearers and although thou art weak yet thou shalt be made strong thy name shall not be forgotten thy days shall be lengthened out and thou shalt enjoy an everlasting inheritance in Zion and with many of thy father[']s house forever for the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob are upon thine head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

Given by Wm Smith Nauvoo 23 June 1845.

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha Jane Coray on June 23, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Martha Jane Coray daughter of Sidney A and Harriette Knowlton born in Kentucky June 3d 1822

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a father[']s blessing and to confer upon you all that has been said concerning the stock of Israel that thy name also may not be forgotten, and thy posterity numerous on the face of the earth, for in posterity thou shalt be honored, and thy name be called glorious in the multitude thou art a Josephite by blood and a descendant of Abraham and thou shalt be made a partaker with thy husband in all the Spiritual blessings of the kingdom and that glory that is sealed upon his head shall be thine throughout all thy day and generation for he is also of the Royal Stock though descending through another lineage yet thou art made a partaker of his blessings and with him thou shalt have joy,

and although thy joys shall be mingled with grief, yet a day of greater perfection is coming when thou shalt enjoy a greater fulness, and the desires of thine heart shall be realized, and thy sins forgiven, the wisdom that is from God, and that: that shall exalt thee, shall direct thy steps and thine heart shall be comforted in days to come, for thy past life has been a life of sorrow, and thou hast been acquainted with grief and even in these times thou hast said that I could be delivered from this world of sorrow for my Soul is

pained within me, and my body is weak I have been exposed to the cold, to the storms, the winds and the rains poverty has pinched me sore: my prospects of health in life have been covered over with a cloud of darkness, and my Spirit has fainted within me: these days are past and in the history of thy life for the future shall never be made known, for truly Riches are thine and thy poverty shall not increase upon thee and thy Soul shall not faint for thou shalt be comforted, in the dark hours of the night when all the world is wrapt in sleep, and the busy crowd has ceased to trouble, and the demon Spirits are gone, the voice of one who is mighty shall awake thee from thy slumbers, and thine eyes shall behold thy deliverer, and that, that never was told thee before shalt thou hear and as an Angel from heaven shall he come and all thy ways shall be ways of pleasantness and thy paths the paths of peace,

after many days shalt thou realize the fulfilment of this blessing, and when thou art more fully perfected thou shalt see and know of all the promises that are made to thee, and thy father[']s house and thine own household shall be fulfilled, and a great crown shalt thou receive, and thy name shall be recorded in the temple of God by a sacred historian there for thee to look upon for many generations, and thy posterity after thee, and when thou art old with thy father[']s house shall thou sit down in the kingdom of God, to go no more out and if thou art patient and long forbearing and faithful in humility and prayer, thy faith shall be strengthened and all fears and doubts removed, and Satan shall not trouble thee any more for I seal thee up to eternal life, and confer upon thy head a Salvation which is immortal by an eternal decree in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch City of Joseph June 23d 1845.

[Patriarchal blessing of Abigail Abbott on June 23, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Abigail Abbott daughter of James & Lydia Smith, born Ontario Co New York 11th Sepr 1806

Dear Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing, for it shall be truly said of thee that thy knowledge has increased and that thou hast desired to behold the work of God prosper in the building up of Zion in the last days, and thy Spirit shall realize in thy future life, the fulfilment of many desires and even the desires of thine heart, thou art numbered one of the house of Israel and of Joseph[']s tribe and of thy posterity shall spring a mighty people the glory and power of the Holy Priesthood in them shall be made known, and like Paul they shall speak in the temple of the Ephesians and the great men of the earth shall hail them as mighty Spirits

it is not known unto thee at this time the way and manner this blessing shall be fulfilled, ere all this shall be done one of thy posterity named after the name of his father, and after the name of his Great Grandfather, who was a descendant from the tribe of Judah, and of the household of David, shall be a mighty warrior, and be led on to avenge the blood of Prophets and Patriarchs, he shall lead a mighty people from the wilderness and one mighty among them who shall be also a mighty warrior by the name of Nishcosh, he shall be a descendant of one of the name of Nimrod, who was also a descendant of that Nimrod, who was a mighty hunter in days of old, by way of the Jaredites upon this continent, who founded a city and called it the city of Gnoalum, this city now lying in ruins the wreck of which only appears as the last descriptive monument of a people that has fallen, and the remnants of whom have become barbarous, wild and uncultivated,

this shall be in a day when the judgements of God are abroad among the Gentiles, and by his hot displeasure the almighty God is vexing the nations of the earth and when the time of Zion[']s deliverance has come, and thy seed shall behold it for it is not far distant, it shall be thy glory to behold the work of God prosper in the land and as one of the polished shafts and stones in the building of God thou shalt be a bright shining light be honored and respected because of the honesty of thine heart, and thy desires to do good,

and great shall be thy reward in heaven, when all these things shall be done saith the Lord of Hosts and by true and living authority I seal the blessing of eternal life upon thy head and none shall wrest it from thee, if thou art faithful in the name of Jesus christ. Even so. Amen

Given by William Smith Patriarch to the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints at Nauvoo City of Joseph 23d June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Emily Abbott on June 23, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Emily Abbott daughter of Stephen and Abigail born Livingston Co New York 19th September 1827

Dear Emily — I confer upon you at this time a Patriarchal blessing, that shall afford thee great comfort, because thou art now in thy youth and when thou art aged this blessing shall be read in thine household for thou wilt have much experience, and that experience which will cause thee much trouble while thou art in the days thereof, thy pathway lies through many dangers, yet the path is narrow and straight, many shall be the devices of Satan to decoy thee from this path, for it shall be like travelling over rugged mountains, thou shalt realize in the times of this journey, and measure well the days of thy life for thy memory shall be strong yea even to count up the hours the days, the weeks, the months and years, yet because of that great firmness of mind with which thou art endowed, and an integrity of heart that is not common, thy path shall be made delightful, and no wayward wanderer shall change thy course, or jostle thy footsteps,

for thou shalt be called the chaste among women and the virtuous of the daughters of Zion, and with delight shalt thou look over thy past history, and count up all thy sufferings, temptations, enduring, and with delighted honor exult in the mighty conquest, thou hast made over the arts and intrigues of the Devil, and the cunning devices of men, thy name shall be a praise in the midst of the earth and be named upon many who shall be of thy stock, for thou shalt be fruitful and as the seed of Joseph, thou shalt be numbered with the promises made to Abraham Isaac & Jacob, and thy glory shall be his, and thy posterity shall never fail, because of the integrity of thine heart, the fountain of wisdom shall be opened unto thee, and the treasures of earth, and also of heaven, shall be thine, thou shalt not always mourn the loss of friends, for a Spirit shall come over them that shall turn them from their evil ways, and even them that have been lost from thine affections wherein there was no hope, they shall be brought and with thee partake of the tree of life;

in time thou will journey to a distant land, thine aspirations are far more exalted than the grovelling Spirit of this world, thy Soul longeth after heavenly and divine things, and although thy Spirit tabernacled in the flesh is subjected to the evils of this world, yet thou hast a disposition to venerate Prophets and reverence the worship of God, this feeling of Soul, Spirit, and contrition of heart, will save thee from the Vanities of the world, and seal an everlasting inheritance upon thy head, thy sins are all forgiven, and thou hast not lived out all thy days and it shall truly be said of thee that thy last days are thy best days, and in the own due time of the Lord thou shalt be exalted with one that shall be an honor to thy name, and preserve thee with his holy Priesthood, that all that has been said by the fathers concerning thy lineage, may be fulfilled upon thine head, and none shall take thy crown, true wisdom shall be given thee and by the Spirit of God shalt thou be led, and if thou art faithful thou shalt realize the fulfilment of this blessing for I seal it upon thy head with a decree that shall never be broken, in the name of Jesus christ — Amen.

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch City of Joseph 23d June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Charilla Abbott on June 23, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Charilla Abbott daughter of Stephen and Abigail born Steuben Co New York 4th July 1829

dear Sister. I confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing by the laying on of hands, according to the holy order of God and the sealing [of] Patriarchal blessings. Abraham Jacob & Melchisedek with many others who were made priests of the most high God conferred blessings, upon the heads of their posterity that have been fulfilled even to this present time and will be until the final winding up scene, the half has not been told, and cannot be by Angels neither have poets expressed it. Father Smith the first Patriarch in the church in the last days and Hyrum also his son who succeeded him: the same authority by which now thou art blessed, a blessing that has been legally handed down by the fathers, restoring again that which has been lost upon thine head, that the seed of the house of Israel may be gathered from the gentiles, and their offspring from among the nations. and again blessed as in days of old, and as promised by the fathers, sealed with an holy seal

it is therefore revealed by the Holy Spirit of promise that thou art a descendant of Joseph, and a partaker of the blood of thy father[']s house, a posterity that is numerous on the face of the earth and are numbered among those who will receive a name written upon their foreheads until there are one hundred and forty four thousand who have been sealed by holy Prophets and Patriarchs, for this shall constitute thine exaltation and give thee a legal inheritance upon Mount Zion, where thou shalt stand; the mystery of the past shall be opened to thy view, and great Shall be thy glory while the future, with all its attendant prospects until the last trump shall sound shall pass in successive review before thine eyes, and then shalt thou be led to marvel and wonder, and know and understand the purposes of God according to the election of grace, for none other but the elect according to the purposes of God, can obtain this exaltation

the days of thy youth shall not be a scenery of trouble the worst is past, and yet thou hast seen things about which thy mind has been troubled and afflicted that I will not tell thee but the opening prospects of the future shall transplant thy footsteps into a situation, that shall through around thee that delight and glory of God, that pain shall be swallowed up, and sorrow loose its chastening influence, thou shalt pass over many waters before the days of thine exaltation, and when this blessing shall be fulfilled upon thine head — and not one word of it shall fail — thou shalt return to Zion and meet many of thy father[']s house, and it shall be said of thee thou art truly blessed and thy friends shall honor thee because of the appointments that God has made to thee, who art called and chosen, thou shalt be a mother in Israel and thy crown shall be filled with Stars, and thou shalt say tis enough my Soul is filled and my Salvation complete for upon thine head I seal the blessing of immortal life with a decree that shall never be broken if thou art faithful in the name of Jesus christ Amen

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch City of Joseph June 23d 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Rowe on June 23, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Rowe daughter of Joseph and Tamison Collins born Tompkins. Co. New York 2d Augt 1813

dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon thee a blessing that has already been given, and because of the desires of thine heart for an increase of knowledge, thou shalt receive more than thine heart has before realized, or has been given unto thee, and if thou art true and faithful in the observance of all that has been given, thou shalt be considered among the honored ones of the earth, language is too faint to express and even it has not entered into the heart of man to unfold what there is laid up in store for thee, some of thy friends have thought thee deceived, and thy relatives have rejected thee from their bosom because of thy faith and the integrity of thy heart, to believe and know the truth, and to follow it at a sacrifice of all that is earthly near and dear unto thee, but thou shalt be rewarded one hundred fold in this world and in that which is to come inherit eternal life,

many of those who have turned away from thee because of thy faith shall come bending unto thee, and shall acknowledge thee as one who is mighty, and whose glory shall be seen throughout all the kingdom of Zion for unto thee pertaineth the election of God[']s holy people, and thou art numbered with the seed of promise and as a daughter of Abraham, and of his seed thy lineage is made known, thy days are also numbered, and wisdom shall be justified of her children, and thou shalt become a partaker of its power glory and blessing, many shall follow thine example and they shall be counted worthy polished stones in the temple of God,

thou shalt be made a partaker with him who is called Joseph of a Priesthood that shall exalt thee and none other shall take thy place or deprive thee of thy glory and disturb thy domestic enjoyment, yet the Angel of God that is appointed in charge, will stand by thee in all the times of thy trouble, and distress, and he shall prove unto thee as the voice of Joseph, and as a mighty deliverer shall he come and thou shalt exclaim lo and behold my deliverer has come, and one who is mighty to save and his voice shall be as the voice of mighty thunders, and many waters, thou shalt see and hear many things that are not told thee in this blessing neither can they be uttered or given to the world, for as precious pearls they would be trampled under foot, but thou shalt ponder them well in thine heart and they shall be a source of comfort to thee for ever and if faithful in following the dictations of the Holy Spirit thy name shall be exalted for ever, for all these blessings and a life which is eternal everlasting and immortal I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch city of Joseph June 23. 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of James Potter on June 24, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of James Potter son of James & Elizabeth born Cumberland Co Pen[n]sylvania 4th August 1805

Beloved brother. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing, according to the desires of thine heart, for thou shalt realize them in full, this blessing shall be descriptive of thy character and future prospects, and shall serve as a guide to d[i]rect you in thy course there are many blessings laid up in store for thee because of thy peculiar descent blessings that have been pronounced by Prophets and Patriarchs, a Salvation ordained from the foundation of the world, and thou shalt realize it every whit because of the integrity of thine heart, and thy desire to do good, to build up the temple and to see Zion prosper, and again because thou hast been willing to journey at the commandment of God, to sacrifice thy home and country, thy friends and connexions [connections], for the cause of christ thou shalt therefore receive an hundred fold in this life, and in that which is to come life everlasting,

there is a mansion prepared for thee in thy father[']s house, and the mysteries thereof shall be unfolded to thee in the own due time of the Lord and thy heart shall be inspired to do much good in thy day and generation, and wisdom shall be given thee by the Holy Spirit that shall confound the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nought their understanding: all this lifetime shall be the days of thy sorrow, and after death thou shalt suffer no more pain or trouble, for an exaltation is waiting for thee, and after thou hast attended to thee [the] ordinances of God[']s house, washings and anointings, and receive thine endowment [endowment] thou shalt be blessed with greater blessings, even that hath not before entered into thine head, thou art of the seed of Abraham, a descendant of Joseph, and the blood of Joseph runs in thy veins therefore the power and glory of the Holy Priesthood shall be upon thee, for unto this seed this holy ministry belongs and none other seed can obtain greater blessings, thy days are surely numbered yet the half has not been told thee of all that God has laid up in store for thee, and thy household with thee for as a Priest thou shalt officiate, and as a king thou shalt reign, & thy kingdom shall be enlarged because of thy labors in the ministry and when thou hast seen the fruit of thy labors it shall rejoice thee as stars in the crown of thy Salva-

tion, and if thou art faithful in following the Spirit of truth, and keeping the commandments of God, thou shalt sit down in the kingdom of heaven with all thy household, thy father[']s house, and the fruits of thy labors, and preside over many, and go no more out for ever & many more blessings which are not named at this time neither would it be proper to speak them are thine, and thou shalt know and understand them when they are made manifest, and come to pass I therefore seal upon thine head by the authority of the office of Patriarch the blessing of immortality, and eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so — Amen.

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch at Nauvoo the city of Joseph June 24th 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Thomas Morris on June 24, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Thomas Morris son of Moris & Sarah Morris born Monogahail Co Virginia 3d May 1783

dear Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing, a blessing that thou hast desired which shall afford thee comfort in times of trouble and be truly descriptive of thy character and future prospects thou hast desired much to behold the glory of Zion through many dangers and trials thou hast come to behold the work of the last days and to add thy interests with the saints of the most high God thou hast always had a peculiar desire for the work of the ministry because of this thy posterity is made known as one of the seed of Israel a descendant of Abraham through the loins of Joseph, thou art therefore numbered with the covenant seed of promise upon whom is conferred the Holy Priesthood and all the rights belonging thereunto this Priesthood has legally descended from thy fathers for they were of the stock of Abraham and administered in the Holy Priesthood and by the blessings of Patriarchs and Prophets upon their lineage has been handed down according to the purpose of God the powers rights and privileges of the Priesthood

thou shalt realize more of the power of this Priesthood hereafter and thou shalt rejoice in the holy one of Israel and thy heart shall be made glad for things that have not been made known or entered into the heart of man in times that are past shall be made known unto thee and thou shalt rejoice by means of the great knowledge that shall be brought unto thee at the Revelation of Jesus Christ, thy name shall not be forgotten but all thy sins shall be blotted out of the book of remembrance, thy posterity shall be numerous on the face of the earth for upon them descendeth the Holy Priesthood according to heirship from father to son

thy posterity shall inherit the blessings of Abraham to the latest generation and with thee be gathered to Zion and even many of thy blood relatives shall be brought with thee and they shall enjoy a part of that glory of which thou art a partaker and thou shalt preside over them and they shall acknowledge thee great over many people and thy voice shall yet be heard in lands afar off for thou wilt not always remain in one place for thou wilt journey to preach the Gospel and to lift up thy voice as a trump many shall hear thy words and be brought into the kingdom and after many days shalt thou realize the fulfilment of this blessing the Spirit of God will be upon thee and if thou art faithful it will direct thee in all thy steps and save thee from the hands of thine enemies for thou wilt be warned of them in the dreams and Vissions [Visions] of the night and thou shalt be delivered from their hands and all the blessings pertaining to thy membership in the church of christ with the blessing of a Salvation that is eternal everlasting and immortal I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch City of Joseph June 24th 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of David B. Dille on June 25, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of David B Dille son of David and Mary born Cuyhoga Co Ohio April 5th AD 1812

Beloved brother. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing which blessing shall prove a comfort to you throughout all thy days and confirm the promises made by thy forefathers upon thy head and upon thy posterity after thee. for thou art of the seed of Abraham. a descendant of Joseph. and unto thy seed were the promises made concerning the Holy Priesthood. and none on earth shall wrest the glory of thy crown from thee. and when thou in trouble and cast down if thou wilt remember this blessing upon thy head it shall prove to thee a comfort, for the power of the Holy Priesthood shall be upon thee. and if thou wilt put thy trust in God and keep all his commandments blameless. the spirit of truth will guide thee in all thy doings. and the power of the Holy Ghost shall rest upon thee. and deliver thee from the hands of thine enemies. and from beds of sickness.

True wisdom shall be thine. and thy days shall be filled with the goodness and mercy of God. and all the day long will he lead thee. & thy Soul shall be precious in his sight because of the evils of designing men and the intrigues of the Devil thy pathway has been hedged up many times and thine heart has felt the sorrowing of affliction but these days are past with thee. and now let thy heart be comforted thou art numbered with the house of Israel. and thou shalt be filled with the glory of God. for thou shalt see the glory of Zion. and the temple completed. understand more perfectly the order of God[']s house. and see the kingdom arise in mighty power. and the church put on her beautiful garments the days of washings and anointings with all that belongs to the sacred ordinances of the Gospel will soon be passed. the Saints receive their induement [endowment] and the Jews have the Gospel preached unto them. while the wrath and indignation of God shall be poured out upon the nations of the earth and all the wicked and they that have slain the Prophets must perish and feel the wrath of an offended God

but unto thee dear Brother if thou art faithful and true thy name shall be remembered and thy days shall be long in the land and in Zion thou shalt enjoy an inheritance in peace. with all of thine household who shall be made partakers with the[e] of the blessings of the celestial kingdom. this inheritance thou shalt inherit for ever with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom. and no power shall take their glory from thee for I seal it upon thine head even everlasting life in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch to the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints at Nauvoo the city of Joseph June the 25th AD 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Harrietta Dille on June 25, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Harrietta Dille daughter of Vine Esther Welch born Portage Co Ohio October 23rd 1820.

Dear Sister thou art also made a partaker of the blessings of thy husband. thy name shall not be forgotten. but thou shalt be remembered because of the integrity of thy heart. I therefore lay my hands upon thy head to confer upon thee a Patriarchal blessing. sealed by the authority of the office of Patriarch in the church of christ. in which blessing thy lineage is made known. for thou art numbered with the seed of the house of Israel and made a partaker of the same stock of companion a descendant of Joseph and the blessings which are pronounced upon his head. even him who slain Egypt. are now sealed and conferred upon thee. by the same authority. bringing to light that which was lost. and restoring again to the earth the covenants and promises of the house of Israel. made by their fathers that was lost or had been broken. because of transgression and apostasy [apostasy].

but unto thee and thy posterity the blessing of salvation as peculiar to thy posterity for thou art a descendant of abraham and of that faith that characterized the holy Prophets by which the power of God was made known and holy men spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost and by the whispering's of the same spirit thy heart shall be comforted and great wisdom and knowledge and even blessings that cannot

be expressed. neither hath it entered into the heart of man to enjoy yet thou shalt realize them when they come to pass for in thy lifetime thou shalt witness the fulfilment of a part of this blessing. and all the days of thy life shall suffice for the days of thy trouble and affliction but in heaven when thou art there angels shall be thy companions and the voice of God shall be thy support by visions and dreams even of the night. a mighty deliverer shall be made known. and thy Soul shall not be pained by death nor the sting of sin for because of thy faithfulness and true fidelity thou wilt be prepared even thy Redeemer. shall administer unto thee and thou shalt exclaim my God and my Salvation.

the spirit of God shall witness unto thee the truth of the latter day work and all thy doubts and fears shall be removed and although enemies may have sought to injure in thy domestic enjoyments and the Devil by his cunning craft to destroy thee because of strange questions to weaken thy faith yet thou shalt be delivered from all those devices and triumph with a glorious triumph and none shall take thy place or deprive thee of thy crown for with thy husband thou shalt become a sharer in all powers of the holy Priesthood and if thou art faithful in keeping the law of [thy] husband obeying his council when dictated by humility and long forbearance according to the mind of the Spirit of God thy glory shall be great even an exaltation above the great of this world for upon thine head I seal the blessing of life everlasting in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch to the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints at Nauvoo the city of Joseph June the 25th AD 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Constantia Hutchison on June 25, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Constantia Hutchison daughter of Nathaniel and Penelope Langdon born Lincoln Co Maine 14th October 1818

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing that great wisdom may be sealed upon thy heart and the law of God printed in thy thoughts for thou art numbered with the house of Israel & with delight the Angels of God rejoice over thee for Angels have been given charge concerning thee and they are thy guardian protection by day and by night thy Sins are not numbered upon thy head for by the blood of christ they are all forgiven and washed away, thy faith in one who is mighty has made thee whole and it shall be thy glory to look upon the Salvation of Zion and behold it prosper in the land it has been the integrity of thine heart and thy desires in righteousness to be a member of the church of christ that has brought thee thus far thy despondent Spirit shall hereafter rise above the powers of darkness

and those who have sought thy destruction in days that are past enemies and evils that have made thy heart to bleed shall feel the reward of their own doings and the snares and the evils they have thought to bring upon thee shall fall upon their own heads and thou shalt rejoice in the day when this shall come to pass and yet mourn because of their pain and torment and in thy lifetime it shall be in days to come thou shalt feel that the power of the enemy has lost its grasp and a deliverer shall be sent unto thee that will appoint unto the Salvation and great shall be thy reward for because thou hast suffered much thou shalt also be blessed much even with a fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of christ poverty and sorrow shall not increase upon thee but true Riches are thine

and thy name shall be written as an ornament on the walls of Zion which shall be remembered to many generations written in a sacred book deposited with the sacred records in the temple thou shalt find thy friends coming around thee in the day of Zion[']s rejoicing and thy blood relatives who have turned away from the[e] because of thy faith and all who have spurned thy Council [Counsel] shall come bending unto thee and acknowledge thee as a Mother in Israel and thou shalt look upon thine and behold the fruits

of thy labors and exclaim my father mother Brothers and Sisters husband and children these are they with whom thou shalt dear Sister with many more of thy family sit down in the kingdom of God when thy heart shall be filled to overflowing and again thou shalt exclaim it is enough I am satisfied if thou art faithful dear Sister in observance to the commandments of God thine example shall be imitated by thousands and be called worthy and upon thine head I seal the blessing of eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Wm Smith Patriarch. June 25th [1845]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob F. Hutchison on June 26, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Jacob F. Hutchison son of Solomon and Catherine born Hillsborough Co New Hampshire Augt 14th 1816

Beloved brother I lay my hands upon your head agreeable to thy request to ordain upon thee a Patriarchal blessing, a blessing that thou hast desired that thou mightest receive an increase of knowledge and thy mind be enlightened there are many blessings for thee laid up up in store waiting to be poured out upon thy head and because of the desires of thy heart to do and know the truth thou wilt receive a just recompense of reward for thy labors and the blessings conferred upon the sons of Ancient Prophets are thine even the dew and deep that coucheth beneath for thou art of the seed of the house of Israel, a descendant of Joseph and because of thy seed the Priesthood with all its attendant powers and blessings is sealed upon thy head and shall be handed down to thy posterity

and if thou art faithful in following up the dictates of the Holy Spirit thou shalt enjoy continually an increase of knowledge which shall perfect thy Salvation and establish thee in peace in thy father[']s house and amongst thy friends and relatives thy labors shall be made known amongst many people and thou shall be numbered with the multitude that shall be gathered on Mount Zion and the fruits of all thy labors with thee and with fond and glorious expectations thou shalt look forward to the completion of the temple the endowment [endowment] of the Saints and the glory of Zion when she shalt put on her beautiful garments and become mighty in the midst of the earth. the Spirit of truth shall inspire thy heart to lift up thy voice as a trumpet and proclaim the Gospel long and loud and although enemies have sought in secret to despoil thee of thy peace and hinder thy progress yet thou shalt triumph over the power of the Devil and rejoice in that deliverance and in that day when thy name shall be exalted for ever

and when with the Israel of God thou shalt number thy posterity and praise the name of Israel[']s God for his glorious and marvellous works thou shalt then see and know and understand more perfectly the fulness of the Gospel when thou art perfected in this Salvation thy days shall be had in remembrance thy years shall not fail and although some sickness and sorrow awaits thee and troubles of designing men yet thou shalt be warned by that still small voice and thy ways shall be made plain before thee and thy deliverance shall come and great shall be thy triumph when the power of Satan must fail therefore numbering thee with the seed of Israel and upon thine head is sealed the blessings of all the Holy Prophets and Patriarchs in confirmation of these blessings and of all that has been given thee before and from days of old the blessing of eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so. Amen

Given by William Smith Patriarch city of Joseph June 26th 1845.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Clark on June 27, 1845]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Mary Clark daughter of Hugh and Margaret Moshier Bethlehem [Bethlehem] New York 3rd of Augt 1801

Beloved Sister I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing. a blessing that shall last thee throughout thy day and generations. and one that shall be truly descriptive of thy charac-

ter. and shall afford thee great consolation and comfort and seal upon thine heart instruction. and unfold thy future prospects for thou art a woman that has endured much and through many dangers and toils thou hast journeyed to get to this place. thy spirit has been bourn down because of oppression thy soul has longed after salvation and to be numbered with the children of Zion. like the panting roe for the wattery [watery] brook.

In secret thy Soul has sought after this blessing and by thy faith and mighty prayer thou hast called on God and by this means through the integrity of thine heart thou hast been preserved to this present time and been brought to see and know some of the glories of the kingdom of God. after which thy heart has aspired: thou shalt be blessed in thine own household and the time is comming [coming] when greater power shall be made manifest to thy Salvation and great shall be thy deliverance for it shall be in an time when thou didst not look for it but it shall come and thine heart shall rejoice to see this work prosper in thine own famaly [family] and thy Spirit shall be liberated. Angels shall be thy guardian care thou shall be comforted in dreams and Visions opening prospects which are now before thee. shall not be clouded with a cloud of gloominess and thy wrights [rights] and privileges in Zion shall not be wrested from thy hands. in this father[']s blessing thou shalt realize the holy seal of promis[e] even the anointing of the holy Spirit that shall teach thee by night and day even great wisdom great knowledge and the glory and power of God the manner of thy salvation and how it shall be brought to pass in attending to the holy ordinances of the Gospel. and all that belongs to the house of God.

for thou shalt see the temple finished and view its various apartments and before the Sanctuary of the Lord thy heart shall be filled with Spirit of burning and thou shalt exclaim that the half hath not been told thee thou shalt yet live to see many days and thou shalt be comforted with the society of the true Israel of God. for thou shalt claim the rights and enjoy them as one of the daughters of Abraham for thou art a descendant of Joseph and his blood runs in thy veins and no power in heaven or in earth shall wrest from thine hands a glorious exaltation in the kingdom of God for I seal the blessings of eternal life upon thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch to the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints at Nauvoo the city of Joseph June the 27th AD 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of David Potter on June 27, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of David Potter son of David and Elizabeth born Rensselaer Co New York Jany 9 — 1793.

Beloved Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing which Blessing shall afford unto thee comfort and reveal many things. for thou hast desired to understand the knowledge of God. and to inherit a celestial glory, and because of these good desires of thine heart thou shalt be comforted and the Devil who has sought to lay temptations in the way shall not have power over thee. thou shalt be able by the assistance of the Spirit of God to thwart all his plans. and save thyself from his grasp. and although his evil devices has hindered thee much and brought distress upon thee in despoiling thy goods and wresting from thine hands the fruits of thy labors. yet there shall be restored unto thee four-fold, in the own due time of the Lord and thy family shall be rewarded. For all their deprivations and afflictions in a manner that shall not increase their poverty but will give unto thee. the true riches of earth and also of heaven, thou hast labored much and hard in thy days and thy toil have increased upon thee as enemies has arisen. But thou shalt behold Zion prosper and better days are thine. and for thy household thy days although numbered. Because of thy faith and works of righteousness will be lengthened out.

And if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God. thou shalt realize the fulfilment of

this blessing and possess a great fulness of the Spirit of God. that will be a light to thy feet and a lamp to thy path and the true knowledge of God shall be unfolded and the mysteries of his kingdom revealed for by day and by night it shall be thy guide and thou shalt enjoy great blessings the gift of wisdom. The gift [of] knowledge. Speaking of other languages. The interpretation thereof and many more of the Spiritual gifts and blessings too numerous to mention that is laid up in store for thee and even it hath not entered into the heart of man to express. Angels have desired to look into them but were deprived of the privilege and prophets died without the sight. Yet thou shalt understand them all when thou art perfected in thy salvation and gathered with the Israel of God to the Zion of God. in the last days. because thou art of that family from whom descendeth the power of the Holy Priesthood not of the holiest of all for the less is blessed of the better. For thou art a descendant of Levi and of that tribe that administered in outward ordinances. the highest order of that Priesthood being that of the Bishopric. as revealed in these last days but thou shalt be exalted and made high and none shall take thy crown for I seal upon thy head the blessing of eternal life — a salvation that is eternal everlasting and immortal with an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Given by Wm Smith. Nauvoo the city of Joseph June the 27th 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Potter on June 27, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Potter daughter of John and Ann Birch born Radnorshire England 2nd Novem[be]r 1822.

Sister Elizabeth I lay my hands upon your head to bless you and seal upon you a father[']s blessing that thou mayest be saved in the kingdom of God. and be sealed up unto eternal life and be numbered with the Angels in heaven and as the daughter of Abraham inherit all the days of thy life the blessings of earth the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom. blessings of the Gospel of christ blessings of a Salvation that was purchased by the blood of him who is worthy and mighty to save because of the desire of thine heart to do good. and thine integrity. thou shalt be blessed with salvation. and with all these blessings and thine heart shall understand greater knowledge and as a mother in Israel thou shalt be praised. and they comfort and peace shall increase upon thee. as thou shalt behold Zion prosper. and as the spirit of God shall enlighten thy understanding: there are blessings that are laid. up in store for thee. and the wisdom the glory and mercy of God hath been over thee and preserved thee to this present time, for by his mercies thou hast been spared. and delivered from the jaws of death, and as a brand thou hast been snatched from the burning and when friends have smiled around thee. thou hast thought them true and faithful but when thou wast made happy in God.

through the faith of the Gospel many have turned away from thee. and have not blessed thee with their smiles but their frowns have been upon thee although they have not hindered thee in thy course neither shall they weaken thy faith. for thou shalt triumph over all thine enemies and Satan shall not have power to destroy thee. for thou shalt rest in hope and thy peace shall be as a River. and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. thou art of the blood of Joseph that was sold into Egypt and thy fathers have had the priesthood, it was lost, but again it is found, for this thing the same blessing is rewarded upon thy head and thou shalt be made a partaker with thy husband and of appointments and sit down with him in the kingdom of God. thy name therefore shall be remembered and thou shalt be numbered with the honored ones of the daughters of Israel. with all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom thy salvation shall be made complete for I seal upon thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood the blessing of eternal salvation in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

Given by Wm Smith Nauvoo the city of Joseph 27[t]h June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Chester Potter on June 27, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of Chester Potter son of David & Charlotte born Lorraine Co Ohio 20th July 1821.

Beloved Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon the[e] a blessing that is truly Patriarchal by the desire of thy parents. and by their consent confer upon thee a father[']s blessing. that thou mayest be blessed throughout thy generations in the lineage of prophets and holy men. for thou art a descendant of them. who in older times spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost, of the seed of the house of Israel. and a partaker of the blood of Joseph, for these things thou shalt see a time in thy day when thy tongue shall be unloosed when thou shalt speak the true language of heaven and it be unto thee as it was of them in olden times the people shall marvel and wonder. thou hast not yet attained to all there is in stor[e] for thee. for as a faithful child shalt thou be rewarded. and thy sins and follies shall not be remembered against thee. for with true fidelity and parental love hast thou been willing to serve all the day long and when thou comest into thy kingdom no reward shall be greater in thy place and thy crown shall be filled with stars of rejoicing. many shall look upon thee as their Savior, for thou wilt do a work in thy day that shall be great, and thy father[']s house shall gather round thee, and in the kingdom of God shall it be:

thy work will continue to increase upon thy hands thy labor become more multiplied, even in heaven thou shalt be called to administer as a ministering spirit to those who are the heirs of Salvation; and in thy lifetime thy days are not ended thou shalt hear and see many strange things, even a voice by night a light from heaven. and by dreams and visions shalt thou understand the true knowledge of God and increase in wisdom and in the glory of thy Salvation, thou shalt be led by that Spirit that leadeth into all truth, it shall comfort thee in dark hours and thou shalt be comforted by the guardian Spirit of Angels by day and by night and thou shalt understand the will of God more perfectly, as the wisdom of heaven shall increase upon thee, and the power of Satan shall not deprive thee of thy crown. neither shall he hedge up thy pathway. for from all his subtle devices shalt thou be delivered. and if in faithfulness thou will continue to the end, thy reward is sure and thy Salvation none can hinder, and upon thy head I seal all these blessings of earth and heaven eternal and immortal a Salvation everlasting in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch to the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints Nauvoo the city of Joseph June 27th 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Charlotte Potter on June 27, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of charlotte Potter daughter of Justice and Susannah Osborne born Kirtland Co Vermont 14th April 1795

Dear Sister — because thou art made a partaker and a sharer in the labors and toils of thy husband I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing, that thy heart also may be comforted that thy Spirit may no longer be depressed, and cast down for yet in time to come there are many good things that await thee in thy journey and many blessings in heaven, in store for thee, thou art numbered with the house of Israel and as one of the daughters of Abraham, thou wilt take thy place in that say when thou comest into the kingdom of Abraham, and possess thine inheritance, thou art not only a descendant of Abraham but an Ephraimite by blood, descending through the loins of Ephraim, thy fathers have wandered in the wilderness they came in a path that was not known, and by a strange way: it was this seed that found the land of promise, this side of the mighty waters, their blood being now mingled with all the nations of the Earth, yet by the everlasting covenant made and promised unto the fathers of old, this seed shall be gathered out from among all nations whithersoever they have been scattered and driven, and although they have been dead and slain upon the Valleys, yet they shall live and enjoy a spiritual life for they

shall come forth from their graves, even all that sleep and they that are alive upon the earth, mingling with the living, shall inherit the fulfilment of this promise, and with this seed thou art numbered, and of this promise thou art saved, none shall take thy crown or place thy children and friends shall call the[e] blessed, and in the last days shalt thou consider it,

for in a good old age shalt thou witness these things, and thine heart shall be filled with the blessings of the Gospel, and by Visions and dreams thou shalt be comforted and by the Spirit of God shalt thou be led all the day long and it shall be said of thee thy faith hath made thee whole. and thou shalt rejoice over Zion in the day of her exaltation and thy name with all thy posterity shall be remembered there, and as a mother in Israel if thou art faithful in doing the will of God over thine own household, thou shalt sit down in Zion in the midst of them all, and they shall call thee blessed, and thy name shall be had in everlasting remembrance, and be named upon thy posterity after thee, and the glory and the power of this salvation none shall wrest from thy hands for I seal it upon thee dear Sister — by the authority of the holy Priesthood a Salvation which is after the power of an endless life in the name of Jesus christ — Amen

Given by Wm Smith Nauvoo the city of Joseph June 27th 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of William W. Potter on June 27, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of William W Potter son of Arnold and Almyra Herkimer Co New York Augt 30th 1826 —

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing, ther[e] is a blessing in store for thee, and although thou art now in the days of thy youth yet the Lord will have mercy upon thee, and thy mind shall become strengthened, when thou hast attained a greater age, thou shalt understand more of the fulness of the Gospel, thy mind will be enlarged as knowledge increases upon thee, and because thou art numbered with the seed of the house of Israel, thy name shall not be forgotten in thy father[']s house, it is not made known to me at this time what lineage or particular blood runs in thy veins only that thou art numbered with the seed of Abraham, yet for thy lineage there are blessings laid up in store and it shall be given thee by the spirit of God to understand thy duty, it shall be maid [made] plain for the light of heaven. shall dwell in thy path and if thou wilt forsake all the follies of youth cultivate an affection for home and country, sacred and divine things. it shall be said of thee in days to come, truly the weak has been made strong and the power of God hath done it,

thou shalt be numbered with thy father[']s house to inherit the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] and Jacob, and with parental care will the Lord of heaven watch over thee to preserve thee unto all these blessings, the wisdom of heaven by the aid and by the assistance of the Holy Spirit shall strengthen thy judgement, and make thee wise unto salvation, and when thy labor is done and thy probationary state is ended in this world with all thy father[']s house shalt thou be gathered unto Zion, to sit down forever, and go no more out, and by faithfulness in keeping the commandments of God none shall wrest thy salvation from thee, or take thy crown for I seal it upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ even so Amen.

Given by Wm Smith Nauvoo the city of Joseph 27[t]h June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of John H. Potter on June 27, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of John H Potter son of Arnold and Almyra born Herkimer Co New York 9th Novr 1832

Dear little Brother. I confer upon you a father[']s blessing praying God my heavenly father to seal it upon thee that that thou mayest be made strong and thy little mind be strengthened and thy body healed of every infirmity that diseases may not impair the health of thy body that thou mayest grow up to become a

strong man to wield the weapons of warfare in times of Zion[']s perils and dangers, that thou mayest be called mighty and great amongst men, there is in thee manifested a spirit peculiar to the seed of Israel and must be of Ephraim[']s descent and if thy days are lengthened out to see a good old age thou wilt be left to wander in the wilderness as a mighty hunter, the Spirit will be inclined to search after the beasts of the field the fowls of the air, when thy body is invigorated with the experience of years, and thy heart inspired with the inspiration of God thou wilt be sent to many places and visit different parts of the earth thou shalt be a gatherer of sheep from the mountains a messenger of peace to many people.

the Lord therefore will strengthen thee in thy days of youthfulness, that thou mayest[t] grow up to speak as a man, and thy voice shall be heard with great surprise and wonder, when Zion shall put on her beautiful garments [illegible] dear little brother if thou art faithful to thy parents and to thy father[']s household around thee, thou shalt be appointed to many honor[s] that will bless thee with power, and influence in thy day and generation and in the midst of thy father[']s house and upon thy head I seal all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom and of earth with a Salvation that is immortal and everlasting in the kingdom of God by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen.

Given by Wm Smith Nauvoo the city of Joseph 27th June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of James M. Wait on June 28, 1845]

The Patriarchal blessing of James M Wait son of Abel and Olive born New Grantham — New Hampshire 6th March 1811

Beloved brother. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing which is the blessing of a father according to the appointed order in the church of christ, that thou mayest receive a father[']s blessing and one that shall be fulfilled upon thine head, the same as though it was conferred by your earthly father upon you, for thou art a stranger and pilgrim on the earth, and as a wanderer in foreign lands because of strangers as an orphan child that is not surrounded by its own father[']s house, yet in heaven there is laid up blessings in store for thee that shall comfort thy heart, and in thy lonely hours thou shalt ponder on them, and they shall be given unto thee and none can hinder, the blessing of Salvation is sure for the wisdom of heaven is sealed upon thy head and thy faith will bring down the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom on thine head,

and when thou art guided by the Holy Spirit which is given through obedience, it shall prove to thee a Comforter, & by its influence in all thy days thou shalt be blessed, it shall prove to thee as the voice of a friend in a strange land, and thou shalt awake from all thy dreams and the imaginations of thine heart shall flee away, and that, that is esteemed as the true knowledge of God even eternal truth, shall be thine, and thy Spirit shall be comforted, thy hope strengthened and thy faith and righteousness increased, it shall be said of thee that thou art a favored one of the Lord, and thine enemies shall not have power over thee, for although they seek to hinder thy progress, and by vain Philosophy and reasonings to disturb thy mind thou shalt have power and wisdom given unto thee to understand the subtlety of the Devil and to detect him in all his devices,

and when thou art made more perfect thou shalt realize the glory and power of all of the ordinances pertaining to the house of God, for as a Savior thou wilt be called to stand and defend the rights of thy Bretheren [Brethren] and to snatch their Spirits in the Spiritual world as brands from the burning, in the baptismal font thou shall declare it, they shall hail thee — who are thus redeemed as their king — and as their Savior thy days are not a few, and whilst thou are laboring in the ministry of the Gospel, thou shalt visit many lands and many peoples shall hear thy voice, and after thine enduement [endowment] thou shalt understand more perfectly the fulfilment of this blessing, for thou art of the lineage of Joseph, and thy name

shall become great in the midst of of the earth and in Zion thou shalt have an inheritance with all thy household with thee, and if thou art faithful none shall take thy crown for I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch at Nauvoo the city of Joseph 28th June 1845.

[Patriarchal blessing of Emeline White on June 30, 1845]

City of Joseph 30th June 1845. A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch upon the head of Emeline White daughter of Davison & Sarah Hilbard born Massachussetts 17th April 1815

Dear Sister Emeline — I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and future prospects, for thou hast been as one in a strange land, far from thy home and among strangers, thy heart many times has been filled with sorrow and grief, it has been thy common lot to meet with trouble and disappointments, and when friends have smiled around thee and hopes of better days painted to thy prospects, joys and comforts of the future, yet some evil Spirit has sought to destroy thee and to blast all thy prospects in a moment, the scenes of hope radiant [radiant] with beauty, and swollen with the prospects of greater joys have been blasted, and thy Spirit and Soul has been pained, still thine unconquerable Spirit has borne thee up to the present time and the mercy of God hath preserved thee and by his Almighty arm thy life has been spared, and when upon beds of sickness and in the time of thy greatest trouble and gloom thy Soul has asked for help thy prayers have been heard by the God of Sabbaoth,

and thou hast been delivered, he has raised thee up and spared thy life for a noble purpose thy Soul shall yet live and thy Spirit be comforted, and all the days that are past of thy life shall suffice for the suffering for sin in this world, for in heaven thy Soul shall not suffer the pangs of death, Some in this world receive their evil things, while in another world they receive their good things, while others again in this world receive their good things and in the world to come receive their evil things as a reward of their doings but unto thee it is appointed to live to see many days months and years and thy last days shall be thy best days, thy Soul shall live until thou art satisfied with life, a friend shall be given unto thee that shall prove a Comforter, and his voice shall be as the voice of one who is dead, yet as the living shall he speak, thou shalt hear it in thy days and times of distress, it shall be unto thee a joy and celestial comfort to meditate thereon, while the sound thereof is still lingering upon thy heart it shall call to thy mind the things of the past, and beckon thee away to a world of Spirits, the place of thy home the heaven of happiness: a comfort dear Sister is thine;

thy friends who are of thy blood and who should be thy protectors here on earth, and whose parents should guide and watch over thee, shall be turned in thy favor, & their love and friendship shall be thine, and thou shalt be called blessed of them, thou art also of the Royal seed a descendant of the house of Joseph, and the blood of Joseph runs in thy veins, there are those that live on earth and also in heaven who shall cherish thy name with fond remembrance, and thou shalt see all of thy friends gathered round thee in the kingdom of God, and they shall behold thine exaltation, for as a Queen thou shalt reign and preside over many, and him who is the despised of the earth with whom thou shalt be numbered, shall conquer his enemies and sway a mighty sceptre, and if thou wilt continue in the faith of the Gospel, and maintain the integrity of thine heart towards thy friends be patient and with long forbearance endure much, the greater shall be thy crown, and none shall deprive thee of thy Salvation, no, not even the Devil, he shall not have power over thee, for in the kingdom of God thou shalt rest in peace and thy name shall be made glorious. thou shalt inherit eternal life a life which is everlasting and immortal for by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal it upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of John H. Maxwell on June 30, 1845]

A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of John H Maxwell son of John A and Catherine born Montgomery County Ohio March 29th 1815

Beloved brother In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarcha[l] blessing which is a father[']s blessing, and one that shall be descriptive of thy character and fortell thy future prospec[h] [prospect], because thou hast desired to understand the glorious plan of Salvation and to see the prosperity of Zion notwithstanding the many afflictions in times that are past, yet thine heart has been raised above them all, and thy desires has been for the salvation of thy Soul, and for the Salvation of the human family and for this thy knowledge and wisdom shall increase, the spirit of God shall be given unto thee as a comforter to lead thee into all truth and thine heart shall rejoice in the goodness of God, because of thy faithfulness thy sins are forgiven thee and thy name is written in the lamb[']s book of life and shall be remembered in Zion forever,

thou shalt see thy father[']s house in a state of salvation and all the desires of thine heart shal[l] be realized concerning them, they shall be with thee when thou art raised and thy Spirit mingling with the spirits of the just men made perfect thou art one of the chosen seed of promise and thy faith hath made thee whole and thy last days shall be thy best days, and none shall take thy crown. thy Spirit shall be comforted in thy days and hours of distress. and as a reward of thy labors thou shalt be numbered with the house of Israel, for thou art of the house of Joseph, and the blood of prophets is in thy veins the time is coming when thou shalt behold the kingdom of God spread forth upon the face of the earth to the joy of thine heart, and blessings never before realized shall be thine, the God of heaven will watch over thee in all thy steps [steps] and guide thee in all thy doings and when thou art old thou shalt remember the blessings of prophets and Patriarchs upon thy head and although enemies have sought to hinder thy progress and to despoil thee of thy glory yet thou shalt triumph over them all with a glorious triumph,

and thy name shall not be forgotten but shall be handed down to posterity and named upon many and when thou art made perfect through sufferings and obedience to the Gospel of christ, thou shalt understand more perfectly the fulfilment of these blessings, let thy heart be comforted dear Brother for thou art called and chosen as one of the elect to whom the promises were made and through the lineage of thy father[']s house belongs the Holy Priesthood, and shall be handed down to thy posterity according to the order of God as made known by the promises of the fathers. thy fathers were those that administered before the alter [altar]. and upon them the Holy Priesthood was confer[r]ed after the order of Malcheseдек [Melchisedec] this priesthood is after the power of an endless life. the power and blessings of the same is upon thine head.

therefore thou shalt be blessed with the true knowledge of God. and that wisdom that comes from heaven, and in all thy days thou shalt be preserved from the power of Satan and if thou wilt continue faithful in keeping the commandments of God none shall take thy crown or thy place in the kingdom of heaven and all thy father[']s house with thy companion. and thy friends and connec[t]ions around thee, thou shalt enjoy an everlasting inheritance in Zion and upon thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal upon thee the blessing of eternal life even a life which is everlasting and immortal that shall never end by an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus christ Amen

Nauvoo the city of Joseph 30th June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Delilah Maxwell on June 30, 1845]

A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch upon the head of Delilah Maxwell daughter of John A & Catherine born Preble County Ohio 27th July 1813.

Dear sister Delilah. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father['s] blessing that thy knowledge may increase and that all the Spiritual blessings that thine heart has desired may now be sealed upon thy head that thou mayest receive a reward of all thy labors inasmuch as thou hast been willing to journey in distant lands, and travel far from thy country and home to help to build up Zion and to be with the saints of the most high God, there is a blessing in store for thee and thine heart shall be comforted and all thy sins be forgiven and although thou hast seen days of trouble, and shed tears of grief, yet the time is a coming when these sorrowing hours shall be forgotten, thy name shall be named upon many and it shall be said of thee that thou art faithful for thou shalt wear a crown that is filled with stars, these are thy support., and when enemies rage around thee and seek in secret to inquire thy name, yet in thy heart there shall be a power that will give thee conquest for thou art of that lineage and descent where none can take thy crown or thy place for upon thine head is ordained the appointments of God and thine exaltation and Salvation is sure,

and thou shalt enjoy the gift of the holy Spirit that will comfort thee and that will fill thy heart with rejoicing thou art of the lineage and of the blood of thy father['s] house, descending from Joseph who was sold into Egypt and the blessings of earth and of heaven are upon thine head the dew and the deep thy Spirit shall not lowly grovel with the trifling things of earth. the meditations of thy heart shall be upon thee above. thy veneration shall be high and exalted for prophets and holy men and when thou art in trouble and gloom and thy Spirit depressed read this blessing dear Sister, for as a daughter of Abraham thy faith shall make thee whole, thou shalt meet wiet [sic] with thy father['s] house in Zion thou shalt see them all around thee a numerous posterity and thy name shall be written upon the walls of Zion. it shall also be deposited in the archives of the temple written upon sacred record, and as a Mother in Israel shalt thou be called, and many shall call thee blessed and with all the blessings that pertain to the fulness of the Gospel and thy Salvation. I seal upon thine head the blessing of eternal life which is immortal and everlasting in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

Nauvoo the city of Joseph 30th June 1845.

**[Patriarchal blessing for Mary Maxwell (deceased)
given to Delilah Maxwell (as proxy) on June 30, 1845]**

The Patriarchal blessing of Mary Maxwell deceased daughter of Josep[h] and Elizabet[h] Glover born Wabash Co Illinois about the year 1818 conferred upon the head of Delilah Maxwell as proxy daughter of John A and Catherine born Preble County Ohio 27[t]h July 1813.

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and bless you with Patriarchal blessing, that this blessing may afford thee some comfort for the one intended for whom thou art now acting as proxy. that as her Representative, the true character and state of her condition may now be represented by a blessing upon thine head, that she who is dead in the flesh and yet alive in the Spirit may have sealed upon her according to the authority of the Holy Priesthood that sealing blessing that may bind her Salvation in heaven, and be to the praise of her name in the kingdom of almighty God because she was a true and faithful Spirit and all the day long did she serve her companion and her God,

and although having to encounter many conflicts and temptations through life still her spirit was numbered with those who are counted honorable on the face of the earth she had a heart that desired to see the prosperity of Zion the Salvation and comfort of her home the integrity of her heart had borne her up in the midst of all her and by that inspiration that points to the view the prospects of brighter hopes and more exalted glory, she was born up in the midst of all her trials and afflictions bidding farewell to this world and all earthly considerations and with a firm grasp she laid hold of the prospects of the future and her soul is now made happy in God, she was of the royal decent a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith

she shall be made a partaker with her husband of all the powers of the Holy Priesthood her spirit is now mingling with those who are made perfect and are only waiting the redemption of their bodies to receive their crown and final exaltation in the presence of God,

it was in this lifetime she received all her troubles and punishments for sins after death no more pain can come upon her she was also of the lineage of Joseph, a descendant of holy worthies and her name shall never be forgotten, she shall be surrounded in the kingdom of heaven with her father[']s house, her companion shall preside over her she shall hail him as a stranger from a distant land and when he comes she shall welcome [him] as her companion to her bosom and her home, these things shall not pass without being fulfilled for as the Representative of this beloved sister upon thine head who art now acting as proxy [proxy] I confer and seal all these blessings, even the blessings of eternal life for her who is departed — a life which is everlasting eternal and im[m]ortal by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name Jesus christ Amen.

Nauvoo the city of Joseph 30th June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Elvina Hibbard on June 30, 1845]

A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Elvina Hibbard daughter of Davison and Sarah born Hancock County Illinois January 1819.

Beloved sister Elvina. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing, that thy Spirit may be comforted and that thou mayest receive a Blessing that shall be sealed upon the[e] forever, throughout thy days and generation, because of the desire of thy heart to remember thy friends, and thy love of home and country and thy faith in the Gospel of christ, true wisdom shall be written upon thy memory. and the days of thy gloom and when thou art dis comforted that wisdom that cometh from heaven above shall increase thy hope, and increase thy courage, and thy desponent spirit shall ar[r]ive above depression and although thou art in the days of thy youth yet the day is a coming when thou shalt understand greater wisdom, and the knowledge of God shall be unfolded to the joy of thine heart, thine experience shall teach thee of the frailty [frailty] of man it shall also seal instruction upon thy heart,

yet thou shalt be preserved for a good and wise purpose and the Devil with all his devices shall not destroy thee, although he may lay snar[e]s in the way and endeavor to entice thee from the path, still thou shall have power and wisdom to save thy Soul and thyself from his grasp, because of the integrity of thy heart many blessings are laid up in heaven for thee, and even at this time it is not revealed what there is in store for thee, yet it shall be unfolded in the own due time of the Lord, thy name shall not be forgotten for thou shalt live to a good old age and many who shall follow thine example shall be called blessed, thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion and be remembered in all thy father[']s house, and none shall depriv[e] thee of that inheritance, thy last days shall be thy best days and although enemies may seek to do thee an injury and speak evil of thee because of thy truth and integrity of heart yet thou shalt see them brought to shame, their names shall be forgotten when thou art saved,

Angels shall be sent to be thy guardian care to guard and guide thee by day & by night, the still small voice shall whisper peace to thy soul and by Visions and dreams thou shalt be comforted and thine heart made glad and when thy body is laid low in the dust all thy sins shall be forgiven thee and if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God and follow after the true and living faith thine exaltation is sure and the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel is thine, thou art a descendant of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim and of the Royal blood and thy posterity shall become numerous and numbered with the seed of Abraham, and in the own due time of the Lord when thou hast finished thy work, and the time for thine exaltation has come, thou shalt be gathered with thy father[']s house into the kingdom of Abraham, and with the blessings of all the Holy Prophets sealed upon thy head thou shalt be crowned with an everlasting

Salvation and no power shall wrest this blessing from thee, for I confer it upon thee by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ Even So Amen.

Given by Wm Smith at Nauvoo the city of Joseph 30th June 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonathan T. Packer (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Jonathan T. Packer son of Moses and Eve Packer in Perry Richland County Ohio July 26th 1817.

Beloved brother in the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee with a father[']s blessing because of thy faith and the integrity of thy heart. This blessing shall be purely patriarchal and given by authority according to the holy order of God; in which thy lineage shall be made known and the blessing of eternal Salvation sealed upon thine head. Thou art of the tribe of Joseph and also of the seed of Abraham unto whom the promises were made and because of this thou art a lawful heir to the holy Priesthood. Truly wisdom shall be justified of her ways and thine heart shall experience more and more of her power. Because of thy faith and diligence in keeping the commandments of God and journeying to this place to build up Zion, thou shalt be blessed both temporally and spiritually, and the earth shall yield her strength unto thee. By the labors of thy hands thou shalt inherit riches even the riches of earth and the riches of heaven.

Thy tongue shall be unloosed to speak the wonderful works of God and great knowledge shall be increased upon thy head and upon all those who believe in thy words. Thy voice shall yet be heard in distant lands and the multitude of the terrible ones who oppose thee shall be brought to nought and if thou art faithful in prayer and remembering thy covenants at all times the God of peace will give thee a glorious conquest over thine enemies. The Devil has sought to destroy [thee and by] temptations to lead thee into doubts and fears, but because of the mercy of God and the honesty of thy heart, thou hast been reclaimed from his grasp and he shall not any longer hold power over thee. Thou shalt have wisdom to detect him in his cunning devices and craft whereby he lies in wait to deceive. Thou shall have power according to the rights of the Holy Priesthood to prophecy of future events and they shall be fulfilled every whit.

Thou hast laboured much and desired in thine heart to see Zion prosper for this cause thou art called chosen and appointed to do a great and marvellous work in the last days and when the labor of thy ministry is done in the Gentile world thou shalt come home and sit down with thy family and thy bosom companion in the kingdom of God, and in Zion have an everlasting inheritance. Thy days although numbered are many and shall be filled with years of usefulness. Thou shalt preside over many and thy name shall be had in remembrance for thy posterity shall be numerous and upon thee shall descend the Holy Priesthood according to thy lineage no enemy shall despoil thee of thy crown or take the glory of thine inheritance from thee; and the power and glory that pertains unto the holy ministry with all its attendant blessings immortality, and eternal life. I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen.

Conferred by William Smith Patriarch over the whole church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints.

[Patriarchal blessing of Angelina Avilda Packer (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Angelina Avilda Packer daughter of William and Mary Champlain born in Hartland Windsor Co Vermont Jany 8th 1815

Dear Sister In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of the holy Priesthood I seal upon thee a father[']s blessing. This blessing shall prove a comfort unto thee for when thou art despondent and in trouble, thou shalt read this blessing with delight, and it shall increase thy faith and raise thee from beds of sickness. Thou hast been a partaker with thy husband in his afflictions and been true and faithful all the day long. The prayers which thou hast put up in secret has proven his deliverance from enemies and afflictions many

times. Thy sins at this time are all forgiven thee, for thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the tribe of Ephraim. There is a great blessing laid up in store for thee because of thy faith and diligence in keeping the commandments of God, and obeying the council [counsel] of thy husband. This blessing thou shalt receive in the temple when it is finished, for thou shalt live to see it completed and view all of its apartments; thou shalt also stand before the sanctuary of the Lord and be administered unto.

Thy name shall be written in a book with the name of thy husband and be deposited in the archives of the temple. a new name shall also be given unto thee, which none can read or understand but thyself. This shall constitute with thy husband an endowment, that shall exalt thee to glorious dominions and to the knowledge and power of God. None shall take thy crown or place, if thou wilt continue faithful: and if strange questions arise, put thy trust in God, who will make the crooked straight and point out unto thee the path of true knowledge and wisdom. If at any time, thou shalt step aside through temptation, from the faith of the Gospel, by means of unbelief, thou shalt be redeemed because of thy blood, thy stock, and the royal family unto whom the promise made by Abraham pertaineth; and as a Shepherd looketh after his sheep upon the mountains and gathereth them together in the valleys thereof, thou shalt be brought back into the fold again, and prove a solace and comfort unto thy husband Thy days are his days and with him thou shalt live to behold the glory of the work of the last days. Thou shalt continue to increase and thy name shall be named upon a multitude. In Zion thou shalt have an everlasting inheritance neither sin or evil shall despoil thee of thy glory, but upon thy head, I seal the blessing of eternal life with an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus christ. Even so Amen.

Conferred by William Smith Patriarch over the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints.

[Patriarchal blessing of Anna Ballantyne (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Anna Ballantyne daughter of David and Anna Ballantyne born in Whit-
rigebogg mertin parish Roxburghshire Scotland September 2d 1819.

Beloved Sister I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing, that thy faith may be increased and that thine understanding may be enlarged and in the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the holy Priesthood I confer a blessing upon you, for thou hast desired a Patriarchal blessing, thou hast also desired an inheritance in Zion and thy desires shall be fulfilled because of thy faith and integrity of heart, inasmuch as thou hast come from a distant land to join with the Saints of the most high God. thou art truly one of the seed of Israel a full blooded Josephite for the blood of Prophets and of the Royal seed runs in thy veins the days of glory and prosperity of Zion that thou hast desired thou shalt see and thy name shall be had in everlasting remembrance and thy posterity numerous upon the face of the earth, thou shalt also inherit a blessing in the kingdom of God that thine heart at this time little anticipates for with thee shall be gathered many of thy father[']s house and those of whom thou hast thought would not inherit a celestial crown

and before the days of thy death thou shall be blessed with the fulfilment of a part of this blessing in regard to thy father[']s house, let thine heart be comforted dear Sister for thou art one of the elect and God[']s chosen to do a work that shalt exalt thee to the highest glory in the kingdom of God and although enemies shall envy thee in thy situation, yet thou shalt be delivered from the power of their hands and triumph with a glorious deliverance thy heart shall be filled with a greater knowledge of the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel after the temple is finished and the Servants of God receive their endowment [en-
dowment] and thou shalt live to see every apartment when it is completed and although thy days are numbered yet thou hast not lived out half of thine appointed time.

and by the integrity of thine heart which has already brought thee from a distant land and caused

thee to make a sacrifice of all that was earthly and near to see the land of Zion and obtain an inheritance there with thy bretheren [brethren] who are of the royal seed thou shalt realize still greater blessings than that hath entered into thine heart, and wisdom shall be given unto thee that is not peculiar to thy sex and others shall be counted great that shall follow thine example, in large and intelligible letters thy name shall be written upon the walls of Zion and also in the temple of God and there deposited in the archives of the same and a very beautiful white stone shall be given thee upon which thy name shall be written and none other can understand, yet the glory and the power shall be comprehended by thee in a manner that shall make thine heart rejoice and say it is good for thee to be in the city of the Saints and to dwell in the temple of the most high God,

upon thine head I seal the blessing of eternal Salvation and if at any time thou shalt become darkened in mind and gloominess should hover over thee, doubts and fears arise, the God of Abraham shall be thy support and deliver thee from all thy temptations and troubles about strange questions that arise, though strange, yet the time is coming when all things shall be understood to the joy of thine heart and to thy full satisfaction thy Spirit shall rest in peace and the flesh shall not be made subject to the power of Satan, but subject to the law and holy order of God by which thou shalt be finally exalted and saved with a celestial crown and if faithful none can outshine thee among all the Stars in the heavenly firmament the power and glory of which salvation I seal upon thine head and no power shall wrest it from thee in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles Lambert (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Charles Lambert son of Charles and Sarah born in Kirk Deighton near Weatherby England Augt 30 1816

Beloved brother in the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon thy head to seal upon thee a father[']s blessing: and this blessing is one that will afford thee comfort in the times of thy greatest trouble. Thou shalt realize and understand more perfectly the faith of Abraham from this time forth: for thou art a chosen vessel of the Lord one of the horns of Joseph and of his literal blood numbered with the ten thousands of Ephraim and the seed of Abraham that are as numerous as the sands upon the seashore or the stars in the firmament of heaven With due diligence hast thou sought after the truth, come from a distant land and perilled [periled] thy life upon the great deep to behold the land of promise, the Zion of the great God. The tears of thy friends did not stop thee nor the opposition of a frowning world hinder thee; but with a Spirit buoyant with the bright prospects of a better and a more glorious home and with a determined resolution to conquer the enemy of all souls didst thou come and leave thy country and thy kindred.

Such wisdom as never entered into the hearts of mortals shall now inspire thee with a more perfect knowledge of the work of the last days and thine expectations in coming to this land shall be more than realized. The Priesthood to which thou art called and ordained shall prepare and qualify thee for the ministry of the word, and a more glorious exaltation in the kingdom of God; the power of which ministry shall be made manifest in thy ministry and labors. Thou shalt realize blessings upon thy head both temporally and Spiritually, and the days of thy wretchedness sorrow and grief are past. True riches and honor now pertain unto thee and thy last days shall be thy best days

If at any time, thy heart should faint by the way, and thy Soul be pained within thee; if thou wilt be faithful and put thy trust in God, he will deliver thee and by the power of his Spirit shalt thou be preserved all the day long one other blessing I confer upon thy head: thy companion shall be a partaker with thee of the joys of heaven: thou shalt behold the temple when it is finished and explore all of its apartments that appertain to thy rights; thy name shall be recorded in a book because of the deeds of charity thou hast done

and thy labors of love it shall be deposited in the Archives of the temple and at some future day thou shalt read the names of thy relatives and friends there also: a servant shall stand and tell wonders and explain unto thee mysteries which have not been told before for many generations.

Thy days are many thy name will be perpetuated and named upon a numerous posterity and when thou comest into the kingdom of God the other side of the veil [veil] there will be those who will call thee father, and who are thy children: yet at the time thou knowest it not. In keeping the commandments of God thou shalt find favor with him and by reading this blessing in times of sickness and trouble thou shalt be healed of thy maladies be raised up and be led to exclaim of a truth it is the great power of God that hath spoken these words, and thou wilt praise him for his marvellous works hence the blessing of eternal life I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ by endurance of faith unto the end Even so Amen.

Given by William Smith patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints Robert Campbell Recorder for said Patriarch

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Alice Lambert (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Mary Alice Lambert daughter of George and Ann Cannon born in Liverpool England December 9th 1828

Mary Alice. dear Sister I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to confer upon thee a blessing that is purely Patriarchal: and one that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and future prospects for thou hast desired a father[']s blessing and a place in the house of God as well as in thy father[']s house. Because of the desires of thy heart, which have been great for the welfare and prosperity of thy friends the Lord has looked upon thee with great delight. numbered thee with the daughters of Abraham and made thee a partaker of the blessings of salvation. He whom God has appointed to rule over thee, shall find in thee a faithful friend, a prayerful companion, a consolation in the time of trouble, and a comfort in days of affliction, the blood of Joseph runs also in thy veins for thou art a descendant of Abraham and of that royal family to whom pertaineth the wisdom of God, great shall be thy salvation and thy reward for the integrity of thy heart.

when thou art in trouble and languishing upon a bed of sickness, the voice of Joseph shall be heard and thy deliverer shall come. when in sin, distressed, thou shalt look on him whom they have pierced and slain, and exclaim my Redeemer and my God. he shall raise thee up on high, thy drooping Spirit shall no more trouble thee and thy thoughts which have cast a gloom over thee shall flee away. Thou shalt then know that this is he of whom the Prophets spake and wrote in the Scriptures that should establish the church and bring it out of the wilderness in the last days Thy days are also numbered and if thou art faithful in keeping the law of thy husband while he is controlled and governed by the wisdom and power of heaven none shall take thy crown or place nor despoil thee of thy glory for thou art chosen and appointed with thy husband. The time shall come when as a mother in Israel thy name shall be had in remembrance and thy posterity shall call thee blessed. When thou art fully saved from sin thou shalt realize the fulfilment of this blessing upon thy head, for the Devil has sought to destroy thee by sore temptations and by strange questions troubled thy mind but from the power of his grasp thou shalt be delivered and triumph with an immortal triumph, and in the kingdom of God thou shalt sit down with thy husband in peace to go no more out for ever, which blessing with all its power and glory. I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch.

[Patriarchal blessing of William H. Dame (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of William H. Dame the son of Jeremiah and Susan Dame born in Farmington Stafford County New Hampshire July 15th 1819.

Beloved Sister [sic; Brother] I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a father[']s blessing that thou mayest enjoy all the rights and privileges that pertaineth unto thee in the kingdom of God, this blessing dear brother, that I now confer upon your head is a blessing that is purely Patriarchal and one that shall be descriptive of thy character, disposition, and former history, and of thy life and times that are to come. thine enemies have sought after thee, they have laid deep their plans to destroy thee and to injure thine household and also thy family connections but by the wisdom of God given unto thee, thou hast evaded their grasp, and they have not been able to accomplish their wicked and unhallowed designs concerning thee.

thy faith and the integrity of thy heart, by much prayer and secret devotion, hath delivered thee and thine house from the grasp of thine enemies who have sought much to destroy thee, the evil one, also with his cunning devices has, sought to ensnare thee, and try thy faith and lead thee from the church but through the honesty and integrity of thine heart and by the prayer and faith of thy companion which has been in secret and all the day long for thee thou hast been preserved unto this present time, and thy best days now are begin[n]ing to dawn upon thee, the afflictions, sorrows and temptation, that hath hitherto troubled thee shall flee away and thou shalt have power of conquest over them

for by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal upon thee dear Brother this blessing, and if thou art not discouraged but will exercise thyself in faith and charity the voice shall yet be heard before the congregations of many people and because of the sound thereof and the truth and knowledge it brings they shall call thee blessed and thine heart shall be filled to overflowing and when thy people shall say that you have received your enduement [endowment] and the visions of heaven have been opened to thy understanding they shall also bless God and give glory to his name, that the holy one of Israel, is still the mighty conqueror our Saviour and our God. the fountain of heaven in all its wisdom and knowledge shall be opened to thy view and thou shalt comprehend that which never had before entered into thine heart and thou shalt say truly it is the work of God and none can hinder thee.

thy friends who are now numbered among thy Gentile blood relatives shall come bending unto thee and acknowledge that thou art a man that is filled with the Spirit of the great God and a Servant of Jesus Christ. and one other blessing I confer upon your head, thou shalt behold them in Zion and thine heart shall rejoice and they shall have an inheritance with thee for thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion that shall be everlasting and none shall take thy crown and if at any time thou shalt be found wandering like the sheep that is lost, and that it is found by its Shepherd thou shalt be gathered back again into the fold thy days are all numbered, and thou shalt see many more Suns and witness many more changing scenes but with the events that may take place in the history of thy life, thou shalt still be numbered with the children of Zion for thou art a descendant of Ephraim the son of Joseph who was sold into Egypt and the blessings of Joseph Abraham and prophets are upon thine head and their blood runs in thy veins

thou shalt stand in the midst of many conflagrations and witness the ruins of many cities and behold the perplexities of nations and see the downfall of many people because of their unbelief and of rejecting the testimony of the Servants of God Yet thine heart shall be made glad when thou standest before the Sanctuary of the Lord in the temple that is now building in Nauvoo, to receive thine enduement [endowment] where all of the ordinances pertaining to the house of God shall be unfolded unto thee and thou shalt be ordained a Savior a King and a Priest to thy relatives that are dead and the power of the holy Priesthood unto which thou art appointed shall enable thee to bring thy relatives forth in the Resurrection and in conjunction with thy companion thou shalt be blessed with great power honor and glory immortality and eternal life to an exaltation in the kingdom of God that is above pharisees potentates Lords: and the kings of the earth that shall all be given thee by the God of heaven if thou art faithful in keeping his commandments to the end even so Amen.

Given by William Smith.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lovinia Dame (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Lovinia Dame daughter of Richard and Sarah Andrews born in Trumbull County Ohio 1st March 1823

Dear Sister Let thy Spirit be comforted and no longer oppressed for I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing which is a father[']s blessing in the name of Jesus Christ that thou mayest be a partaker with thy husband of all his joys and be made a sharer with him of his priesthood authority, when thou art fully instructed and understand more extensively the great and glorious plan of the Redeemer in saving the world from sin, thine heart has desired a father[']s blessing, thy soul has been wrapped in the interest and welfare of thy husband and with true integrity hast thou sought the salvation of his soul and with true fidelity and holiness of heart thou hast prayed with longing desire that thine own father[']s house might be made partakers and receive a share with thee of the blessings and fulness of the Gospel that has been revealed in these last days through the Prophet Joseph

thou hast already witness the fulfilment of the desire of thine heart in many things and thou shalt realize the fulfilment of many more things for the blessings of holy men and Patriarchs even from days of old are upon thine head and none can stay the fountain of knowledge that shall be opened unto thee for thou art a Josephite in very deed by legal descent of the blood of Abraham through the loins of Ephraim and although thy fears have troubled thee and doubts have arisen because of strange questions that have troubled thee this has become a matter of talk and conversation between thee and thy husband, yet because of the integrity of his heart and because of thy desires to do right, thou hast made thyself content and desired to become reconciled to thy fate and to the will of God. and the holy order of his house waiting for a greater fulness to open unto thine understanding a knowledge that shall relieve all thy fears and place thee beyond fear and doubt thy days with thy husband[']s are also numbered and thou shalt see many,

the character and stability of thy ways which shall establish thy character beyond reproach formed in the days of thy youthful experience in the church of christ many shall call thee blessed because of these things and thou shalt enjoy wisdom and prudence that shall give thee honor, and perpetuate thy name to many generations, and thy name shall be had in remembrance because of thy faithfulness and of thy fruitfulness which according to the Proverbs of days of old shall take away thy reproach and in Zion thou shalt be healed of all thy maladies and thy last days shall be thy best days prosperity riches and exaltation instead of poverty and wretchedness that life also which is everlasting shall be thine as well as a Salvation temporal in the temple of the Lord before its Sanctuary with thy husband

thou shalt realize the fulfilment of some of this blessing while the visions of heaven shall continue to unfold around thee greater glories and privileges and then thou shalt say the half had not been told thee in faithfulness and fidelity thou shalt inherit the blessings of thy progenitors even the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob and all inspired men and none other shall take thy crown this blessing and salvation with all the immunities and privileges of eternal life is sealed upon thine head by the highest authority even that of a Patriarchal Priesthood and father over the whole church of Jesus Christ and not one whit shall fail even so Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus Christ of LD Saints.

[Patriarchal blessing of Irene U. H. Pomeroy (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Irene U. H. Pomeroy daughter of Ashbet G. and Ursula B. Haskell born in N. Salem Franklin Co Massachusetts November 1st 1825.

Dear Sister. thou art also blessed with thy companion and I confer upon thee a Patriarchal blessing,

which is the blessing of a father: this blessing shall serve unto thee in all things as a father[']s blessing according to the flesh, and even more for it is given by him who is appointed a father to the fatherless and Patriarch over the whole church of christ. This therefore will seal upon thee a greater blessing and power than any other could give as this office by the power of the Priesthood legally holds the right of administering in all blessings; and of the presidency over all the Patriarchs in the church of God at this present time. This blessing shall prove a comfort unto thee in times of gloom, when doubts and fears arise, when thy Spirits are dropping and especially when thou art upon a bed of sickness with none to help but God and none to administer unto thee: then, if thou wilt read this blessing thy heart shall be comforted: for none of the purposes of God shall fail, and thou art one of his chosen elect and a daughter of Abraham.

The blood of Joseph runs in thy veins and thou art of his descent even of him who was sold into Egypt who was also a mighty Priest and Patriarch in his day. His blessings were conferred upon many and are the same by which thou art saved, and become a partaker with thy husband of the fulness of the Gospel. his priesthood giving him the right of council, of which thou shalt be a partaker and by which thou shalt be exalted with him to thrones and dominions. Thy greatest days of sorrow are all past; thou hast seen some days of trouble but because of thy faith and the integrity of thy heart in following all the teachings of the holy Spirit and believing in the Prophet Joseph many of thy former friends, although they have forsaken thee, yet by the power of the testimony that thou shalt bear unto them, they shall receive a sting of conscience: which shall continue with them during their lifetime, until they repent and acknowledge the truth of the testimony thou hast borne

Thy name shall be had in remembrance shall be written in the temple of God. sealed in a book with a holy seal and laid up in the archives of heaven. Thou shalt also receive a new name, that none can read or understand, but thyself, the signification of which when thou art more perfectly informed will fill thee with a fulness of joy and reward thee for all thy toils and sacrifices. This blessing is true and none shall take thy crown or hinder thy prosperity nor deprive thee of thy seat in the kingdom of God Thy last days shall be thy best days, and trouble and sorrow shall be swallowed up in the glory of thy Salvation, when perfected with thy husband In peace thou shalt sit forever in the presence of God and upon thy head I seal the blessing of eternal Salvation with an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch.

[Patriarchal blessing of Francis M. Pomeroy (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Francis M son of Martin & Sybil H. Pomeroy born in Somers Tolland Co Connecticut Feby 22d 1822

Dear Brother I lay my hands upon thy head to confer upon thee a father[']s blessing, that thou mayest be blest throughout all thy days and be a child of God keeping his commandments with true love fidelity and faithfulness Thou art a descendant of the Royal seed and of the house of Joseph, thy progenitors, which are thy forefathers administered before the altar and in the Sanctuary of the Lord, in the holy of holies, where pertains the most exalted glory, power, and privilege of the holy Priesthood. This therefore, by legal descent, has entitled thee to an inheritance in Zion among the priests of God; and to a claim upon the holy Priesthood; no power shall wrest this glory and privilege from thee, for it is because of the integrity of thy heart that thou hast come hither to obtain this honor and blessing of eternal Salvation.

Thou art numbered with the few who are called and chosen in the work of the last days and thou shalt realize all of thy hearts desires for they shall be fulfilled upon thee. because of the faith of thy fathers and thy blood, thou shalt also receive a greater fulness of the knowledge of God and wisdom shall be given unto thee to confound thine enemies. Thou shalt receive strength and power of conquest that none but the God

of heaven could give unto thee, and this because of thy faithfulness, and the integrity of thy heart Thy sins are all forgiven thee up to this time, and thy glory and the crown of thy Salvation shall be increased upon thee. The blessing of long life shall be thine, and thou shalt be comforted in the days of thy trouble, by one who has been thy companion in the days of thy youth, and one who will ever prove faithful and true, whose heart is devotedly fixed upon her God, and will pray with full purpose of Heart for thy safety and thy deliverance.

This blessing shall prove a source of comfort unto thee and when thou art afflicted, and brought upon a bed of sickness thou shalt be administered unto by this kind Angel. The heavens shall smile upon thee, dear Brother because of thy faithfulness: the Lord shall exercise mercy towards thee and not in wrath come out in judgment. Thy last days shall be thy best days for friends shall court thy favor, and thine enemies shall not destroy thy Soul nor thy domestic peace and enjoyment. Thou shalt behold the fulfilment of this blessing upon thy head and even thine enemies who lurk in the dark, shall be exposed to thy view and thou shalt be made acquainted with all their designs. One other blessing I confer upon thee: thy father[']s house Shall hear thy voice and all of thy relatives by blood shall enter into the kingdom of God. where thou shalt meet them, even those from whom thou hast been separated in time and they shall acknowledge thee as the servant of God and thine heart shall be filled with joy and rejoicing If thou art faithful in all things thou shalt see better days and none shall take thy crown, and the blessing of immortality and eternal life in conjunction with thy companion I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints.

[Patriarchal blessing of James Park (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of James Park son of Andrew and Jane Park born in Cumberland Scotland.
1822

Beloved brother I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a blessing inasmuch as you have desired the same from under the hands of the Patriarch of the church, the conferring of this blessing upon you is according to the order of conferring blessings in the church of God by legal descent from days of old, this blessing shall be truly descriptive of thy character and afford unto thee much consolation even when you read it in distant lands and in time of trouble and this I will deliver to thee as a Prophecy if thou wilt do this; many times when thou art in trouble and reflect back upon Zion, the temple of God, and remember thy labors and toils for the prosperity of Zion as well as thy faith and prayers it will prove unto thee a Restorer and heal many of thy maladies although thou art now in the days of thy youth and in the midst of great opposition having embraced the fulness of the Gospel contrary to the will and wish of many of thy fellows thy experience when more mature ages comes on shall make thee more stable in thy ways and as one of the pillars formed for the Support of the Gospel abroad in the earth

thou shalt be sustained with mighty power and influence thou shalt be led by the Holy Spirit to say many words, that after many months have passed away shall prove a Savior of those to whom they were spoken, they shall come unto thee and speak of the honesty of thine heart and inquire of thy descent which is now made known unto thee in this Patriarchal blessing for thou art of the tribe of Levi and a descendant of that Priesthood which holds the keys of administering in outward ordinances, thou shalt not die until thou hast seen many years and baptized not a few into the kingdom of God. the glory of this Priesthood shall be fully realized by thee and none shall take thy crown if thou art faithful and true to thy calling many will be the secret cogitations of thine heart and thou shalt be troubled about strange questions. the trial of thy faith hath not yet fully come for the Devil will tempt thee to believe that religion is vain and the Gospel all vanity and speculation

these doubts and fears however, will be removed by mighty struggles through the prayer of faith and by the sweet council of friends that as precious ointment will be given unto thee by which thou shalt be plucked as a brand from the burning and to the joy of thy friends that mourn around thee thine heart shalt be truly lifted up and of a truth thou wilt be led to exclaim that God is not a respecter of persons thou shalt then see the labor of thine hand blessed the prosperity of thy ministry increased and all the blessings peculiar to thy membership in the church of God for there remainith ordinances and appointments that shall increase the joys of thy heart and reward thee for all thy goodly desires and in sorrow and in grief shalt thou lye [lie] upon thy couch for the loss of friends but with joy and with a hope that is like an anchor to the soul thy Spirits shall be raised to a brighter world of glory when thou shalt meet thy friends again and join with them in the song of praise and with an everlasting inheritance which is truly immortal to sit down in thy father[']s kingdom to go no more out and upon thine head I seal these blessings by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Even so. Amen

Given by William Smith Patriarch.

[Patriarchal blessing of William Swap (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of William Swap son of William and Nancy Swap born in Montreal Lower Canada Augt 1820

Dear Brother in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazereth, who died to redeem us from sin and exalt us with himself at his right hand in the kingdom of our heavenly father, I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a blessing, a blessing which shall prove a source of knowledge and open unto thee many dark sayings of the Revelations of God, which shall trouble thee in thy studies and meditations upon strange questions and mysteries that pertain to the kingdom of God which none can understand only by the Spirit of Revelation which shall constitute thee a minister of God[']s work and by which thou shalt be enabled to administer unto thy relatives and bring many of them into the fold of Christ that they may become partakers with thee in the Salvation and the glory of Zion. that is now established on the tops of the mountains as the Scriptures have said should be done in the last days whereby the hearts of many are made glad and rejoice exceedingly in the fulness of the Gospel

thy tongue shall be unloosed and the experience of thy youth shall suffice for having wrought the will of the Gentiles in all their idolatry. vanity and sin and thy last days shall be days of honor renown and many shall call thee blessed and very great because of the power of thy words which none shall gainsay or resist, for the time is coming when thy lot shall be in a land of strangers and among a people of another tongue with stammering lips shalt thou preach the Gospel unto them with power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit which shall give thee utterance, thou shalt journey from thence over many waters and very deep to preach the Gospel to those who now sit in the dark valley and shadow of death and mighty miracles dreams and visions shall be recorded of thee whilst those that hear shalt say thou art the great Spirit of God, by thee shall they learn of his glory and of his fame and be brought out of heathen darkness, into the glorious liberty of the sons of God by many marvellous things signs and wonders shalt thou teach them,

and a light shall appear unto thee in the firmament of heaven and direct thee as Nephi of old to the land of promise again and to thy home to thy friends and to thy kindred. then shalt thou know of a truth that thou art called and chosen and of the seed of Abraham a descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt, for which also thy name shall be perpetuated the Priesthood of Melchisedeck legally descending upon thy posterity, and one other blessing thou shalt enjoy after thou hast received thine endowment and attended to all the washings and ordinances in the house of God, and inheritance sealed unto thee by an irrevocable decree in the land of Zion and celestial kingdom of God on condition of obedience and none can stay thy

prosperity nor deprive thee of thy crown all the glory power and greatness of which I seal upon your head
Dear Brother by the highest authority in the church of God Even so Amen

Given by William Smith Patriarch of the church

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Pitchforth (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Pitchforth son of Solomon and Ann Pitchforth born in Halifax Yorkshire England Novr — 23d 1826

Beloved brother in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon you to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that thou hast desired to receive and a blessing that will prove a consolation to thee when thou art in trouble, thy sins are not remembered against thee because of thy faith in the Gospel and if thou art faithful thou shalt realize great blessings and blessings that shall fill thy heart to overflowing the gift of wisdom shall be given unto thee the knowledge of God by Revelation through his holy Spirit to teach thee of sin of righteousness and of judgement to come this shall direct thy steps and thy path shall be filled with light and when thou art strayed from the house of God a Shepherd shall look thee up and an angel shall administer unto thee in the dreams and in the Visions of the night and great knowledge shall unfold,

thou shalt ponder these things in thy heart even these are not things that belong to the world for the world believeth them not and they are pearls that would be trampled under their feet for this cause they shall be pondered well in thine heart yet thou shalt be blessed with the knowledge thereof because thou art of the seed of Abraham and a descendant of Levi and to thee pertaineth the administering of outward ordinances even the Bishopric of that Priesthood and if at any time thou shouldst be ordained an Elder in the church of Christ or even have obtained that appointment this shall be according to the power of thy presidency in thy right to rule in the Levitical Priesthood thou art of that Royal family upon whom many blessings have been conferred and thy progenitors by their mighty works have been recorded in heaven. Because of there [their] power, therefore many great men have risen up after them in their lineage and descent and that seed shall not be forgotten and their names shall be handed down from generation to generation even forever because of the Priesthood and the covenant that God has made with thy fathers,

in due time dear brother thou shalt understand more perfectly this blessing and the power of this Priesthood and the order of thy progenitors of whom thou art a descendant and if thou art faithful in keeping the celestial law no power can deprive thee of a dominion of a Salvation that is everlasting and which is after the power of an endless life which blessing and Salvation I confer upon thee and seal it with an everlasting seal never to be broken in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen.

Given by William Smith.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Pitchforth (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Mary Pitchforth daughter of Edward and Ann Mitchell born in Lancaster Herefordshire England August 26th 1825

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a blessing that is purely patriarchal and conferred upon the[e] by the highest authority in the Church of God now on earth this comes by succession of Priesthood a right by lineage that is hereditary no blessing can be greater conferred by a mortal man on earth and shall contain thy future destiny and afford thee a hope and give thee a main-spring to thy heart and mind that shall quicken thy senses and increase thy knowledge in the days and times of trouble doubts and fears: for Satan has great power and he has sought much to destroy thee and laid deep his plans and snares but by thy wisdom thou hast evaded them all and been preserved to this

present time and no power on earth shall take from thee thy legal right or deprive thee of that family of which thou art a legal heir

for thou art of the seed of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim and thy forefathers have partaken more or less of the blood of the Lamanites they were descendants of the seed or stock — from whom sprang the house of Israel — many of them were scattered at the confounding of the language at the tower of babel. they have been wanderers in the wilderness but they were legal descendants of the house of Israel were made partakers of the holy Priesthood: since the glory of the last days on the building up of Zion has dawned upon thine understanding thy heart has been comforted more than in former times for if the secrets of thy heart were made known it would tales of grief unfold and yet thou hast prospered and been preserved to this present time because thou hast desired to see the city of Joseph and to hear his voice and his voice thou shalt hear before thy death and it shall be in a dream, he shall appear unto thee and comfort thee in thy sleep, and in thy night visions shall unfold the purposes of God to the joy of thy heart and to the settling of strange questions, and to the removal of all doubts and fears,

thou art not yet perfect, yet thy sins are not remembered against thee and if thou wilt be faithful to the law of thy husband when he shall rule in righteousness, for thou shalt have a companion appointed unto thee of God and he shall be thy deliverer thy Savior and thy Redeemer. thy heart shall cleave unto him, who is esteemed as thy husband and he shall be thy Councillor and do for thee this great work. thy name shall be remembered and others shall follow thy example, thou shalt see many more, days rising and setting suns, and in peace thou shalt be gathered to the land of thy fathers with thy protector to rest with the Saints and in the Resurrection morn thou shalt come forth with a Salvation that is immortal eternal and everlasting attended with all the Spiritual blessings of the kingdom which I seal upon your head dear Sister in the name of Jesus christ Even so — Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints.

[Patriarchal blessing of Selah Lane (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Selah son of Daniel and Dorcas Lane born in Fishkill Dutchess Co New York May 8th 1800

Brother Selah Lane because thou art a chosen vessel of the Lord and of that family and stock upon whom the priesthood authority of Melchisedec descends I seal upon thy head a father[']s blessing, which shall be read before multitudes and shall be heard by thousands who shall treasure up the sayings thereof in their hearts and ponder them well This blessing is sealed by William Smith Patriarch over the church of God at this present time, These days are the begin[n]ing of new days of better times and of greater wisdom and knowledge. Thou art a Josephite by blood and a descendant of that holy worthy who was sold into Egypt: his blood runs in thy veins and none can dispute thy lineage or despoil thee of thy priesthood, for thou art of royal descent and can claim the Priesthood by heirship therefore no law can take it from thee.

Because of the sacrifices thou hast made and the desires of thy heart to do good and build up the kingdom of God by faith in the name of Jesus Christ: thou shall become wise and learned in thy days. Many shall call thee learned and great and would fain worship thee as a Spirit Thy days have been days of trouble, but in the days of thy youth the hand of God preserved thee from the severity and unkindness of thy rulers and from the abuse of unkind masters It was for a noble purpose that thou wast preserved for thou art of the chosen seed of promise and one of the elect appointed before the foundation of the world Thy name shall be remembered in mercy and not in Judgement. The days of this life shall suffice for thy punishments and thy chastisements for thy sins — when thou art immortal, a more glorious state of being shall be thine thy power and thine inheritance and dominions shall be without number.

Thou hast lived out half of thy days yet thou hast not realized thy best days, and the greatness of glory that God has in store for thee for thy last days shall be thy best days. In the demonstration of the Spirit thou shalt be heard preaching the Gospel of Christ and shall be seen standing before many congregations and in the own due time of the Lord thou art to visit other lands and thy voice shall be heard as the voice of mighty thunder and as the lightening of heaven surprises the lonely wanderer in the dark so thy voice shall surprise the heathen and turn the nations from their idolatry and heathenism Great miracles shall be wrought from under thine hand and marvellous works shall be seen of thee for thou art a man of mighty faith and of the seed of Abraham

Even the winds and the waves shall obey thy voice for thou hast a mission to perform across the mighty deep and upon ships shalt thou be carried into distant lands and return again to the land of thy nativity. Then shalt thou shortly behold thy companion and thy family in health and her who is thy companion for time and eternity. upon whom the blessing of the sealing power pertains. The holy Priesthood unto which thou are ordained shall qualify thee to be a Redeemer in Israel and a Savior upon Mount Zion. In thy lifetime shalt thou realize the fulfilment of this blessing to the joy and satisfaction of thy heart, and when the greater fulness is manifested, which will be in the own due time of the Lord thou will say “of a truth the half had not been told thee.” Unto thee pertaineth the right, the glory, the power, the blessings, the privileges, gifts, graces, knowledge and wisdom of heaven, for thou art a lineal descendant of Ephraim and if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God thou shalt realize in thy days the whole of these blessings and in the kingdom of God thou shalt inherit a life which shall last forever which is eternal everlasting and immortal for I seal them upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch.

[Patriarchal blessing of Job Hall (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Job son of Ebenezer and Eleanor Hall born in Belmont. Waldo Co. Maine. August 16th 1820

Dear brother — I lay my hands upon your head and confer a father[']s blessing upon thee, the Lord has watched over thee from the days of thy youth and thou hast been snatched from many a snare of the Devil by the peculiar providence of God and his kind attention towards thee, this preservation has been that thou mightest become great in the earth and perform a work that others of thy fellows would not perform, that you might behold the glory of Zion and the work of the last days and the coming forth of the church of Christ from the wilderness, thou hast although in the days of thy youth been a discussor of thoughts and of the intents and hearts of the people and also thou hast been a searcher after truth and desired to become acquainted with the pure and undoubted religion of Jesus Christ these saving qualities have brought and preserved thee thus far from infidelity unbelief and wretchedness

thou are called though weak to do a work that shall immortalize thy name and give thee a society with disciples of old the priesthood is thy lineage for thou art of the tribe of Judah from which tribe our Lord sprang and also of the seed of David and thou shalt be considered like him a mighty warrior in day of battle and by the Spirit of Truth shalt thou war a warfare that shall be accomplished in the days of thy ministry mighty conquests and not by carnal weapons. thy name shall not be forgotten for thou art numbered with the seed of Abraham to whom pertaineth the promises and covenants which seed is as numerous as the stars in heaven or the sands upon the seashore the priesthood belongeth to thy lineage therefore there are appointments for thee, that have not yet been made known and thou shalt understand more perfectly as thou shalt increase in years the will of God concerning the[e] thine shall be the lot to receive endowments and fulfil all of the ordinances of the house of God this shall perfect thy Salvation and when thou art their

enemies cannot come neither shall they or the Devil have power to despoil thee of thy glory or deprive thee of thy Salvation and if thou art faithful in observing strictly the law of God all this blessing shall be fulfilled none shall take thy crown for I seal the blessing of eternal life upon thy head with an irrevocable decree by the authority of the holy Priesthood and by the name of Jesus christ Even so. Amen

Given by Wm Smith Patriarch

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Jane Hall (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Jane Hall daughter of Samuel and Rachael Mordy born Belmont Waldo Co Maine 25th March 1821

Dear Sister. I confer upon thee a blessing even a blessing that is truly Patriarchal and given by him who is the Patriarch at this present time over the whole church of God thine heart has desired to see this day and desired to be blessed of God and to receive a Patriarchal blessing this blessing is now conferred upon thy head that shall be descriptive of thy character and and follow up thy posterity and be had in remembrance to many generations for thou art numbered with the multitude who are of the seed of the house of Israel and a daughter of Abraham which none who knows thee and is acquainted with thy Spirit will deny thou hast journeyed far to behold this day and desired much to see the glory of Zion and the prosperity of the church while thy heart has also yearned after the welfare of thy father[']s house thy blood relatives thy kindred according to the flesh yet some of them have rejected thy voice and would not hear thy entreaties thou art clear of their blood but because of thy faith in prayer thou shalt meet many of thy friends to whom thou hast borne testimony in Zion before thy death and meet many of thy blood relatives in the kingdom of God where there will be great rejoicing

and thy heart will be filled with the glory of God thy sins are all forgiven thee because thy desires are honest and it is not for vain glory thou hast made the sacrifice of friends of home of the land of thy nativity to mingle with the Saints in the land of promise I therefore seal upon thy head the blessing of holy Prophets for thou art a Josephite and will receive an exaltation with that Royal blood when the Israel of God are redeemed and if thou wilt abide the law of thy Companion one in whom there is no guile none shall take thy place or deprive thee of an everlasting inheritance thy days are also numbered and thou shalt see many more and thy despondent Spirit shall rise above the common troubles and gloom of life and thou shalt hear a voice even in thy midnight hours that shall comfort thee and drive all thy gloom, doubts and fears away. it Shall be unto thee as the voice of Joseph and as thy redeemer he shall deliver thee from thy troubles and place thee on high all this blessing shall be realized in thy day and generation and not one whit shall fail if thou art faithful and I seal the[e] up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch.

[Patriarchal blessing of Andrew Hall (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Andrew Hall son of Ebenezer and Eleanor Hall born in Belmont Waldo County Maine Jany 4th 1817

Beloved brother — in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and confer upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall prove a comfort to thee and thy family friends and conexions [connections] after thee who shall be called thy blood relatives, this blessing is purely Patriarchal and after the holy order of God given by the Patriarch over the whole church according to the authority regulating the Patriarchal office in the church from days of old by legal descent, thou art one of the sons of Ephraim and a descendant of Abraham and numbered among his chosen people the elect according to the purpose of God from before the foundation of the world thy name Shall be named upon many and of thine own posterity or seed to whom this Priesthood belongs by legal and proper descent because thou art of the Royal stock

and thy progenitors administered before the altar of the Lord in the tabernacle of David and the temple that was built by Solomon

these days of thine experience are the begin[n]ing of days of knowledge and the time of enduements [endowments] wherein washings and anointings are necessary to fulfil all the commandments of God thou shalt realize in thy future life the blessings of the holy Priesthood upon thine head and no enemy shall despoil thee of thy crown or deprive thee of thine exaltation and if thou wilt continue diligent in the commandments of God as thou hast in times past up to this present time thou shalt realize greater blessings and the blessings of Abraham with all the holy Prophets I seal upon thy head for thou hast seen days of trouble because of enemies who sought in secret to destroy thee and because of temptations that have arisen for the Devil has sought with mighty power to overthrow thee in the days of thy innocence and in the times of thy great desire for knowledge but because of thy faithfulness thou hast overcome and obtained a Victory thy sins are forgiven thee,

although in secret thy meditations are deep and not known unto men for many things have troubled thee and yet thy wisdom has governed and controlled thy conduct and thy firmness and fortitude has saved thee from destruction that lurked in secret the desires of thy heart shall be more fully realized when the temple of God is completed and then thou shalt more perfectly realize the benefit of the prayers of thy friends and those who are of thine own household who with faithfulness and fidelity have sought thy Salvation and still do love thee and thy law is written upon their hearts they shall arm thee with faithfulness and be stars in thy crown of glory and be made partakers of this Priesthood and none shall take their place. thy days are numbered and yet if faithful shall be lengthened out and when christ comes with all his holy Angels thou shalt appear with him and have thine own the power of this blessing that belongs to the Priesthood of Melchisedec I confer upon thine head with all the blessings of eternal salvation and an inheritance that is uncorrupted and undefiled and that fadeth not away and none shall take thy crown in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen.

Given by the Patriarch Wm Smith.

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Russell (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Russell son of Jonathan and Leah Russell born Erie County State of New York 25th September 1812

Dear Brother in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head to confer upon thee a blessing, a blessing which shall prove a source of comfort and consolation unto thee in the times of thy greatest trouble for thou hast desired a Patriarchal blessing and thy name to be enrolled among the righteous ones for this cause thou art numbered with the seed of Israel and one of God[']s elect chosen to do his work as one of the horns of Joseph upon whom the Priesthood of Melchisedec legally descends for thy fathers were Ephraimites by blood and descendants of Joseph who was sold into Egypt of whose blood thou art unto this blood and royal seed pertaineth the blessings, the gifts, the knowledge and the power of the holy Priesthood and rights and privileges that belong to no other people under the canopy of the heavens because of the desires of thy heart in former times and thy labor to spread the truth from family to family among the Gentiles and unbelieving relatives

the God of Abraham who is the God of the work of the last days and the glory of Zion shall exalt thee to enjoy greater blessings than thine heart has ever conceived of and jointly with thy companion who has been a solace and a comfort unto thee and by the prayers of whom thou hast been preserved from enemies and the power of death thou shalt stand in the temple of God before his holy Sanctuary and there understand the perfection of sealings, the glory of enduements [endowments] and the power of Anointings, attending

to all of the ordinances in the house of God after which time thy voice shall be heard in the land of thy nativity and thou shalt be carried in ships even of the sea and the boisterous waves and howling tempest shall be stilled at thy command when thou art faithful. the power of God shall be round about thee and by the authority of thy Priesthood thou shalt command the winds and the waves and they shall be stilled, A people whose language thou hast never learned shall hear thy voice and by the power of God shalt thou speak, thy tongue shalt be unloosed to unfold the marvellous work of God and dark sayings of the Scriptures, mysteries which have been hid for ages shall be made known; by the Spirit of Revelation shalt thou speak;

the heathen shall marvel and forsake their idolatry and a dark and uncultivated people shall come to understanding through the labors of thy ministry, with these Spirits as Stars in thy crown thou shalt meet in the land of Zion. And one mightier than all shall lead a great number to this place where, the Saints have reared the temple of God, he shall be called the Cazeek of that nation which by interpretation is a mighty prince, silver and gold shall they bring with them and upon ships and litters shall they come thine inheritance is dear brother sealed unto thee with an everlasting seal and none other Shall take thy crown or despoil thee of thy Priesthood. thy days it is true are numbered, but the half of thy work has not been told yet thou shalt live to a good old age and when in sorrow and affliction, persecuted and surrounded by enemies, thou shalt think upon this blessing and the prayer of faith will save thee, thou shalt conquer the Devil and all thy foes, and thine enemies shall be under thy feet, the power and glory of a Salvation that is forever everlasting eternal and immortal I seal upon thy head, which is the blessing of Abraham Issac [Isaac] and Jacob and all the holy Prophets Even so Amen

Given by William Smith Patriarch

[Patriarchal blessing of Esther Russell (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Esther Russell daughter of Elisha and Amice Hill born Chatham. Otsego. Co. New York 21 March 1816.

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands upon thy head to confer upon you a blessing which is purely Patriarchal the author[it]y of which has been handed down by a legal descent from holy Patriarchs and Prophets in the church of God, this blessing shalt point out to the[e] thy lineage and that by the inspiration of the holy Spirit, for the Spirit saith that thou art of the Royal family, of the stock of Abraham and a descendant of Joseph this will make thee a partaker of all the blessings and privileges of that Royal seed according to the election of grace and the purpose of God which he hath purposed in himself before the foundations of the world that none other seed should inherit the Priesthood with all its attendant blessings this shall entitle thee to a part of thy husband[']s ministry, to which there is an appointment, and with him thou shalt be saved in the kingdom of God,

thy name shalt be honored and remembered upon the earth when others have passed off the stage of action and above thine enemies thou shalt be exalted and over them triumph and especially those who have sought to despoil thee of thy domestic happiness, talkers have talked idlers and busy bodies have said, secret influences have been set on foot yet thy strength and thy grace and thine integrity and fortitude have foiled thine enemies and they have been left to open disgrace and shall be left and continue to reap the reward of their doings unto thee pertaineth the blessings of holy and because of this thou shalt partake of many things even strange questions shall arise which shall trouble thee but the expounder of the law and thy husband will increase thy judgement and thy understanding shall be enlarged and thy heart comforted,

the experience of former days will suffice to learn thee a lesson, and as an example for the future will enable thee to direct thy steps until it shall be truly said of thee thy last days are thy best days when in the fulness of joy thy heart shall be filled to overflowing and none can stay the fountain of knowledge that shall

be oponed [opened] to thine understanding, then the mystery of godliness shall be unfolded to the removal of all strange questions, and with full satisfaction and joy of heart shalt thou sit down in the kingdom of God, with thy husband with an everlasting exaltation when all sorrows are past, thy name shall be named upon many and thy posterity not a few shall be remembered unto many generations and if faithful to God in keeping the law of thy husband none shall take thy crown or thy place, and upon thy head dear Sister I seal these blessings with the blessings of long life prosperity temporal and Spiritual, riches glory and honor immortality and eternal life in the kingdom of God with an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so. Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch to the church of christ of LD Saints.

[Patriarchal blessing of William McKown (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of William McKown son of Francis and Margaret McKown born Union Co South Carolina Novembr 24 1824

Beloved Brother — inasmuch as thou hast desired from thy heart a Patriarchal blessing, I lay my hands upon your head, to seal upon you a blessing in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazereth that thou may'st be blessed in all thy days, notwithstanding the vanities of thy mind the snares of the Devil and the powers of darkness to overthrow thee, thou shalt triumph at last, and the Devil who seeketh to destroy thee shall unloose his grasp and wherein thou hast been weak, thou shalt be made strong in the God of Abraham and of Issac [Isaac] and of Jacob for the blessings of holy men and the power of the Spirit of God, shall be upon thee and after thou hast passed through sore and deep afflictions thy deliverance shall come and great shall be thy crown and rejoicing thou shalt also enjoy a part of that glory which is celestial and numbered with those who are called the horns of Joseph that have received their appointment from the hand of God ordained from before the foundation of the world to gather together the elect even Israel God[']s own chosen and peculiar people who are now scattered abroad in remnants over the face of the earth to bring to pass the act the strange act and build up Zion

that the church may come out of the wilderness in the last days as the prophets have said with her beautiful garments clothed upon with the glory of God wherein thou shalt rejoice and if faithful to thy trust, enjoy and possess, an everlasting inheritance and none other shall take thy crown: but with many of thy father[']s house sit down before the Sanctuary of the Lord in attendance upon the ordinances pertaining to thine enduement [endowment] and final qualification and exaltation to an inheritance that shall never fade away, and although at different times thine heart shall despair because of the unbelief of the people among whom thou shalt journey and the hardness of the hearts of thy friends when still out of the ark of safety, yet thou shalt be encouraged and be raised up from thy despondency for thou shalt have power to exercise influence over many of thy relations and father[']s house and with unexpected joy find them gathered with the Israel of God in Zion when they shall find the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of christ and with them receive thy final exaltation,

thou shalt be peculiarly blessed with wisdom also with the gift of the discerning of Spirits that none can deceive thee by their cun[n]ing devices and finer spe[e]ches for thou shalt have pow[er] to detect them and as one of the chosen seed of Israel, thy lineage is also made known by the Revelation of Jesus Christ by this blessing which is purely Patriarchal upon thy head which is now sealed and shall stand for ever thou art a descendant of Joseph that was sold into Egypt through the loins of Ephraim and unto thee pertaineth the blessings and glory of the latter day kingdom and upon thine head I seal the blessings of eternal life which thou shalt receive at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ if thou art faithful in all things. even so. Amen

Given by William Smith Patriarch

[Patriarchal blessing of Mathew L. Peck (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Mathew L. Peck son of Hezekiah and Martha Peck born Bainbridge Chenango. Co. New York 21st Novr — 1822

Brother Mathew. I lay my hands upon thy head to seal upon thee a father[']s blessing in the name of Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the holy priesthood which is truly Patriarchal wisdom shall be given unto thee that shall increase thine understanding and the knowledge and power of God in maturer years shall be understood by the[e] to a greater extent. thine heart has desired the Salvation of Zion and over its wickedness and distress in times of its persecution and affliction thou hast wept tears of anguish and sorrow for it has pained thee to hear the cries of the innocent for help and because of thy saving qualities thou shalt be called a peacemaker in Zion and in time a Savior upon Mount Zion, it shalt be thy work to gather up the lost sheep of the house of Israel for thou shalt travel over mountains, hills and vales and explore the wilderness country and sleep in the dens and caves of the earth to find God[']s chosen ones, wild animals shall become a prey for thy food in the wilderness,

for thou shalt become mighty in power, great in strength and wisdom and by thy snares and cunning devices thou shalt entrap and catch them, the nations of the land shall call thee a living Spirit that moves with the clouds and that is mighty in conquest. thy voice shall be heard yet in the land of the North, in the East, in the West, and in the South, and many shall hear the Gospel preached in its fulness, the time shall come when enemies shall seek thy life but like Paul of old who was let from the window in a basket thou shalt escape from them thou shalt have the Spirit of prophecy to prophecy of things to come, and they shall come to pass. thou shalt also have the gift of tongues and speak in other languages the wonderful works of God thou shalt visit many cities and as a messenger of peace thou shalt be called upon to decide the cause of the innocent and stand before multitudes of people after thine enduement [endowment]

thou shalt travel into distant lands and through thy ministry if thou art faithful in keeping all the commandments of God thou shalt see many of thy father[']s house come and be made partakers with thee of the blessings of this Gospel thou shalt have an everlasting inheritance for thou art of the seed of Israel and numbered with the promises made unto our father Abraham, thou art also a descendant of Judah the house from which our Lord sprang also of the seed of David and shall be a mighty warrior in the day of battle. thy sins are blotted out because of the integrity of thy heart and the blessings of the Priesthood are upon thy head because of thy progenitors and thy crown shall be filled with Stars as a reward for the labors of thy ministry when thou art sufficiently called and chosen to the more important works of this ministry, thou shalt be saved from the power of thy enemies and triumph over the power of the Devil and with an everlasting inheritance shall be saved in the kingdom of our God when Christ comes to reign with his Saints and none shall despoil thee of this blessing for I seal it upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ even so. Amen.

Given by William Smith Patriarch

[Patriarchal blessing of Lovinia M. Binney (not dated but probably June 1845)]

The Patriarchal blessing of Lovinia M. Binney daughter of William and Mary Champlain born Windsor Co Vermont 12 Nov. 1813

Dear Sister — I confer upon you a blessing, given by the Patriarch of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, this blessing shall be had in remembrance and be preserved upon records written upon the tablets of thine heart because thou art also a daughter of Abraham by faith and numbered with the holy seed of promise descending through the loins of Joseph wherein thy lineage is made known and that of thy father[']s house. thou shalt understand and become more acquainted with the things of God as thine age shall

increase upon thee and when thou art more stable in thy ways, thy youthful days have not been thy best days for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief.

for thy fathers have been afflicted and through privations and distress have they struggled to keep their heads above the mighty waves of affliction and persecution, the tears thou hast shed and the depth of thy grief and lamentation over the fallen and depraved condition of many of thy friends and relatives around thee has been an index to thy very Soul and proves thee and thy Spirit to be of an evangelical character and one of the chosen elect of God — thine heart dear Sister shall be comforted and thy days although they are numbered are not a few even thy last days shall be thy best days,

for Zion shall prosper, and thy Soul will rejoice, the knowledge of God will be increased upon the[e], thine heart shall be full, and none will praise the Lord with a voice that is louder, or with a heart more thankful, because of thy deliverance from the grasp and power of the Devil, who has sought to destroy thee and wrest from thee thy membership in the church of christ but by the honesty of thine heart and thy faithfulness and diligence in prayer thou hast been preserved unto this present time and although by his cun[n]ing devices and artful intrigues he has sought to destroy thee yet thy wisdom has preserved thee and thy Soul inviolate thy name shall not be forgotten, thy posterity shall become a multitude and in the kingdom of God with a kind and lovely companion thou shalt sit down in peace to go no more out and if thou art faithful none shall wrest from thee the fulfilment of this blessing for by the authority of a Patriarch over the church of God I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so. Amen.

Given by Wm Smith

10.

Blessings by William Smith Dated July 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Ebenezer R. Young on July 1, 1845]

A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Ebenezer R Young son of Ebenezer R and Margaret born Richmond Co New York November 1814

Dear Brother Young — It is with pleasure and with gratitude and feelings of love and respect in that bond of union that cannot be broken in the hearts of the true Saints of God that I lay my hands upon your head and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood confer upon you a blessing, according to thy request even a father[']s blessing, thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, many have sought not to understand thy Spirit or ways, whilst enemies have laid their snares to destroy thee, yet because of the liberality of thy soul and the nobleness of thine heart God has heard thy prayers and delivered thee from the hands of thy enemies, with a glorious deliverance and they have been brought to nought and thus it shall be with all that raise their hands against thee and who shall seek to disturb the peace of thy Soul by night and by day, or to hinder the prosperity of thy household, for the peculiar providence of God shall be over thee and over thine house and thou shalt be protected and understand the will of God in all things pertaining to thy Salvation, thy sins shall not be remembered against thee because of the deeds of charity thou hast done,

and thou shalt be prospered in thy journey home and find all in peace and safety, and comfort the hearts of many, the Lord will continue to pour out his spirit upon thee dear Brother and thy voice shall be heard and thy testimony shall be understood and find the way to the hearts of many, and thou shalt say it was a good thing to visit Zion and see her prosperity, it is not yet made known unto thee the fulness of that Salvation that the servants of God will receive at the time of their enduement [endowment], for there are yet things to be revealed that will rejoice thine heart and make the[e] glad thou shalt enjoy an inheritance in Zion in times that are to come for no power can separate thee from the Israel of God for thou art a descendant of the Royal Priesthood and of a holy nation of the seed of Joseph of the faith of Abraham and of the household of God, and it shall be said of thee that thy name is great in the midst of the earth and thy voice shall be heard as the voice of mighty thunders, and the Lamanites shall rejoice in thy labors heathens also shall be made glad while the Gentiles imagine vain things, yet it shall come and none can stay it for upon thy head I seal the blessings of the Holy Priesthood with all its powers spiritual ordinances commandments glories and privileges with the blessing of eternal life in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

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[Patriarchal blessing of Christopher Bellarby on July 1, 1845]

A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Christopher Bellarby son of Thomas and Margaret born Yorkshire England July 16th 1799 Nauvoo the city of Joseph 1st July 1845

Dear Brother I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ and by the authority of the holy Priesthood, to seal upon thee a Patriarchal blessing one that shall seal instruction upon thy heart and because thou hast desired an increase of knowledge thou shalt obtain it, and thine understanding shall be enlarged, the Spirit of God be poured out upon thy head, and as a comforter it shall teach thee great wisdom and knowledge, even the mysteries of the kingdom of God, so let thine heart be comforted dear Brother, and rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel, thy sins shall not trouble thee neither shall they sting thy soul with the sting of death. because of the mercy of God in sending his son into the world thou hast an advocate with the father and he shall plead [plead] thy cause and as a mighty prince and because of thy works which are good and desires to keep the commandments of God in coming to this place to mingle with the saints in Zion in building up the temple seeing the prosperity of the kingdom of God, and also Zion rising and putting on her beautiful garments, all these shall be remembered in thy favor and shall bring down the blessings of heaven upon thy head even a crown of eternal glory

and if thou wilt continue in thy goodly desires in following after the dictates of the Holy Spirit studying to become humble thy name shall be made great whilst thou art contrite of heart none can hinder thy Salvation or stay the fountain of light and knowledge, thou shalt be blessed in thy flocks and in thy store, and in thy own household, thou shalt be remembered as a Father in Israel thy companion with thee shall become a partaker of that exaltation in the kingdom of God, that shall rejoice thy heart forevermore, thou shalt realize the blessings of health joy peace and the holy Ghost in thy habitation, and in all thy days, for this is the blessing that is sealed upon thy head because thou art of the seed of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim, and thou art numbered with the hundred and forty four thousand who shall stand on Mount Zion and thou shalt look abroad on the glorious works of God and behold Zion in that day looking prosperous and beautiful thy name shall be numbered with the multitude of Israel and shall not be forgotten, the power of the Holy Priesthood shall be upon thee and last through thy generations this is according to the order of God and I seal upon thy head the blessings of eternal life in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Bellarby on July 1, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph 1st July 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Hannah Bellarby daughter of George and Susannah Deighton born Hutingdonshire England 17 February 1812

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing in the name of Jesus christ who came into this world to die for sinners and who laid down his life and took it up again that we might live and because of thy faith in this exalted personage thou hast been brought from a distant land and thy faith has borne thee off through many dangers, it has been also that the desires of thine heart might be gratified, in mingling with the saints in Zion and coming to the land of promise that an inheritance may be sealed upon thee, thine heart may be made glad and rejoice in the glory of the Latter day work, because of thy faith and the integrity of thy heart there is a blessing laid up in store for thee, and after many days thou shalt realize it, thou hast been given unto one that will number thee in a kingdom to share jointly with others of blessings that is truly celestial, and with one that shall rule over thee and that shall prove to thee as thy Savior, and Redeemer,

let thine heart therefore dear Sister be comforted, for thou shalt receive a reward for all thy labors, and the goodly desires of thine heart, thou art of a peculiar Spirit, and by visions and dreams of the night, thou shalt be taught of many things and even in prayer it shall be given thee to understand the true knowledge of God. for thou shalt have the discerning of Spirits, and it shall be given thee to understand the subtlety of the Devil, and wisdom shall increase upon thee, thou shalt have power over temptations and the

desires of the evil one shall not ensnare thee for thy Soul shall rejoice and thy heart shall be made full, until thou shalt say tis enough thou shalt be made a partaker with thy husband of all his future blessings and prosperity and thy days shall be lengthened out with his and when he shall come into his kingdom there thou shalt have a part, for thou art one of the daughters of Abraham, also a descendant of the house of Jacob the blessings of earth and of heaven with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom is upon thine head thy name shall be had in remembrance by a numerous posterity and as a mother in Israel thou shalt take thy place in the kingdom of Almighty God, all these blessings with many more that are laid up in store for thee shall be realized in thy day and generation, and thou shalt live until thou art satisfied with life, and in peace shalt thou lay down thy body in the dust, and if thou art faithful in loving your Redeemer and your God not one whit of these promises shall fail, for by the authority of the Holy Priesthood and the power that is purely patriarchal in the church of the living God I seal upon thy head a salvation which is after the power of an endless life, which is immortal and everlasting in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of George W. Coray on July 1, 1845]

City of Joseph 1st July 1845 A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch upon the head of George W Coray son of Silas & Mary born Steuben County New York 4th May 1819.

Dear Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing, and one that shall prove unto thee a comfort and a blessing of Salvation because thou art of that seed of promise to whom the promises were made in times that are past to the fathers of that lineage and of that house from whom our Savior sprang of the tribe of Judah and of the household of David, thy forefathers were those that held the Priesthood and administered before the altar, they built temples and Sanctuary's, they offered Sacrifices upon the altar, many of whom were descendants of Abraham but in the early times of prophets departed from the faith, even leaving the tribe and seed of Joseph; and mingling among the nations of the earth until thy lineage is counted of the tribe of Judah but in thy veins there is a sufficiency of the blood of Joseph to number the[e] with the covenant seed of promise,

consequently upon thy head is ordained from before the foundation of the world, a right belonging to the holy Priesthood, that administers in all the Spiritual blessings of the Gospel that shall never be taken from thee: and from among thy posterity there are those that shall be called mighty and great & powerful in their day & generation. and one that shall be of the express likeness and Spirit of his Grandfather, shall do a work that shall beget honor to the names of his fathers, it shall therefore be remembered upon thy head according to the holy order of God, in handing down from generation to generation the power and blessings of the Holy Priesthood: and thine inheritance shall be made sure unto thee, and thou shalt be delivered from the hands of thine enemies, and be gathered with thy father[']s house and family around thee, for thou shalt preside over thy family in time & in eternity, and they shall prove a solace and a comfort unto thee in the times of thy trouble and distress, even their prayers in secret shall lift thee out of deep mire, and when thou art languishing upon beds of sickness and in poverty distressed as a guardian Angel shall they prove unto thee,

and thou shalt be healed of all thy wounds, the times of thy greatest sorrow and trouble are past, and evil and designing people that have wronged thee of thy rights & taken away from thee thy temporal honors and this world[']s goods their names shall be forgotten when thine shall be remembered, to many generations, the Spirit and wisdom of God shall be peculiar to thy heart, and many things shall be unfolded to thee that is yet to be revealed in the times of the future, and when thou shalt hear it thine ears shalt tingle and thy heart be made glad for the blessings and joys of the Holy Priesthood, with all its attendant powers according to the plan of Salvation. I seal upon thine head with a life that is eternal, immortal & everlasting in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary C. Coray on July 1, 1845]

City of Joseph 1st July 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Mary C. Coray daughter of John & Delight Brower born Madison Co New York 7th July 1822

Dear Sister. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ, and confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing, a blessing that shall be truly descriptive of thy character, and afford thee comfort in the times of trouble, and in the days of thine afflictions it shall be sealed upon thine heart, and a knowledge that shall exalt thy Spirit from the grovelling things of earth and place thine affections on heaven above, thy Soul has longed after the blessings of heaven, and the true knowledge of God and Zion has been thy daily cares, thy thoughts have been to learn and understand and know the will of God, and when friends have forsaken thee because of thy faith thy heart has been made to rejoice because of the truth and the blessings of the Gospel, and although thou hast had to pass through many troubles up to the present time yet the grace of God has been sufficient for thee, and his mercy has protected thee all the day long it has been through thy courage, patience, and long forbearance, and faith in God that has brought thee thus far, but let thine heart not faint nor thy Soul be pained within thee, for better days are thine,

and thou shalt be exalted with thy husband, and numbered with the daughters of Israel, and when thou art saved, thine enemies will see their folly and be condemned for their unrighteous doings thy Spirit shall yet search after many who are lost in the world of Spirits, and by a faithful administration here on earth they shall be brought to Salvation, for in the temple of God thou shalt live to stand, and before the Sanctuary of the Lord, there numerate thy posterity and by the font even baptism for the dead, by these thy works shall be made known, and thy labor of love, and thy name shall be recorded in a Book and thy father[']s house shall all be numbered, and many of them that have been lost in this world to all thy hopes, shall come and partake with thee of the blessing of Salvation there is a work for thee to do, dear Sister. in thy day and generation thine example shall prove a Savior of life unto many, thy precept shall be taught and read in the congregation of the Saints, and the wicked shall tremble and the sinner in Zion be afraid,

thou shalt enjoy a greater fulness of the Spirit of God, the gift of the Holy Ghost, that shall teach thee in all thy ways and it shall be said of thee that thou art a woman of wisdom and thy example is worthy of imitation thou shalt be spoken of by many with fond remembrance, and thy posterity shalt rise up around thee and call thee blessed, for thou art a Mother in Israel and none can take thy place, it is of Israel that thy Stock is made known, for the blessings of Joseph are upon thine head because thou art of his lineage, and a legal heir to the kingdom of God and if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God none of this blessing shall fail upon thine head, it shall all be fulfilled and in thy lifetime thou shalt consider it, and in heaven thy Soul shall be made glad for I seal the blessing of eternal life upon thine head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mathias Mc W. Bovee on July 3, 1845]

City of Joseph 3d July 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Mathias Mc W Bovee son of Nicolas and Hannah born Montgomery Co New York 19th Octr 1796

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing even a blessing of a father that thou mayest be blessed according to the desires of thy heart in righteousness, for thou shalt be rewarded for all thy labors, because thou hast been industrious and labored hard all the days of thy life and thy desires has been to do good and to build up the kingdom of God and to see Zion prosper, yet through poverty and much distress thou hast been brought to the present time and enemies have frequently destroyed thee of all thy goods and thrown thee out upon an unfriendly world for help and by thy prayers and faith thou hast been provided for and in all thy times of trouble and distress a door has been

opened for thy support the evils of the world many times have borne thee down and to see the oppression of the Saints has filled thy heart with a Disposition to seek after their rights and come to Zion to help to defend their cause

thou shalt live to see the temple finished and see many more days and years which are not yet numbered thy sins shall not be counted against thee but shall all be forgiven thy name shall be had in remembrance by a multitude of people and thy posterity shall be numerous for thou art an Ephraimite by blood and of his seed thy lineage is made known upon thine head is sealed the blessing of Salvation to the joy of thine heart thou shalt have peace and comfort and rule over thine own household and when thou art more perfectly saved thy Spirit shall mingle with the Spirits of the just made perfect beyond this vale of tears where thou shalt be numbered with all thy household and there preside over many the Spirit of God more abundantly shall be poured out upon thee after the Saints enduement [endowment] and all the duties involving upon thee in performing the ordinances of the Gospel in the church of God. baptisms for the dead and washings and anointings shall be more ful[l]y unfolded

and thy Salvation shall be made plain and if thou art true and faithful in all things thou shalt have dominion over many and great shall be thy crown. thou shalt be delivered from the power of the Devil — temptations of the evil one and triumph over all thine enemies thou shalt see better days dear Brother. therefore let thine household be in subjection to thee and thy law their supreme government and in righteousness shalt thou rule and with patience and meekness shalt thou inherit the earth none shall take thy crown or place in the kingdom of God but in safety shalt thou rest thy Soul in peace I therefore confer the blessing of eternal life on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Bovee on July 3, 1845]

City of Joseph 3d July 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Sarah Bovee daughter of Thomas and Esther Mecorn born Franklin Co New York 11th Sepr 1820

dear Sister. By the authority of the Holy Priesthood I lay my hands upon your head to confer and seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, that thou mayest also be comforted and blessed in all thy days, that instruction may be sealed upon thine heart, and that the true wisdom of God may be thine, that thy will and Disposition may be more fully brought into subjection to the will and mind of God, then thy long looked for blessings, for which thou hast prayed, shall be given thee, and thy Soul shall awake as from a sleep, and things before unknown shall be unfolded unto thee, and thine heart shall be made glad and thou shalt be comforted and all thy sins shall be forgiven thee, the Spirit of God shall find place in thou [thine] bosom to teach thee by day and night,

and if thou wilt be obedient to the law of thy husband when dictated by the Spirit of God, the Spirit of humility and meekness it shall be stars in the crown of thy rejoicing, and thou shalt have the desires of thine heart, and no enemy shall prevail against thee neither shall they take thy place and crown, but thou shalt be numbered with others in the same kingdom, who shall be made partakers of the same glory, and heirs of the same inheritance, none can deprive thee of an inheritance in the promised land, for in Zion thou shalt lay down thy bones and body to rest, and no enemy shall deprive thee of this blessing, even the blessings of earth and heaven for thou art of Joseph[']s stock and the seed of Abraham, to whom the promises were made and as one who possesses [possesses] the blood of that Royal Stock upon thine head is conferred the blessing of eternal Salvation, if true and faithful and all thy household. Angels shall administer unto thee, and by visions and dreams thou shalt understand the mysteries of the kingdom of God, and unto thee shall be opened a fountain of rightetousness even a fountain of light and knowledge, and thy Soul shall rejoice in a greater fulness of the glory of God, and with thy husband & all his household, shalt thou reign in

the kingdom of heaven forever. for the Salvation which is after the power of an endless life I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Even So. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Walter L. Davis on July 3, 1845]

A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Walter L Davis son of Walter & Lydia born County of Leeds Township of Crossby Upper Canada 23d March 1821. Nauvoo 3d July 1845

Dear Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing, that thine heart may be raised from the grovellings things of world and that thy Spirit with thoughts more exalted may mingle with the Spirits of just men made perfect in heaven that thine heart may be filled with the song of praise thanksgiving and adoration for the love and mercy of God that has been around thee, and that parental care that has guided thee and watched over thee all the day long, for truly thy Spirit has been contrite, and thy Soul has desired to know the truth and to be led in the straight and narrow path, thou hast been willing to sacrifice earthly friends to come from a distant land to help to build up Zion and to roll forth the kingdom of heaven on the face of the earth, therefore there are greater blessing laid up in store for thee than thine heart has formerly realized and even at this time they cannot be expressed for it has not entered into the heart of man to know what God has laid up in store for his people, thy name and thy works shall not be forgotten,

thy acts of benevolence and charity, Love and and mercy, shall remain written on the hearts of many, to many generations, as a living testimony of thy moral worth and of the liberality of thy Soul, and it shall be said of thee in times to come thy works are beautiful and thy Salvation is sure, sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise upon thine head, none other shall take thy crown: neither shall enemies destroy thee for thou art of the family of Joseph who was sold into Egypt and of the seed of Abraham, thou shalt be a banner bearing messenger of the Gospel and shall visit other lands and thy voice shall be heard by many, and they shall rejoice with thee in the Salvation of Israel[']s God, the Lamanites shall be made glad because of thee, as the voice of thunder shall thy testimony fall upon the ears of the great men of the earth, the heathens shall clap their hands for joy, and the Gentiles imagine vain things, and if thou art faithful not one whit of these blessings shall fail, but all be fulfilled, upon thy head for the Vission [Vision] is sure and the purposes of God cannot fail for upon thy head I seal the blessing of eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of James B. McNitt on July 3, 1845]

A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of James B. McNitt son of Alexander & Mary born Cortlanett Co New York 27 April 1819. City of Joseph 3d July 1845

dear Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing sealed upon thine head by the authority of the Priesthood praying God my heavenly father that health may be restored to thee, and that thy body may be invigorated and strengthened, that thy nerves may become strong that all the curse of former days and deeds of evil that has afflicted thee, and deprived thee of thy health may now be rebuked and that thy body may begin from this very hour to receive strength and also thy mind that the powers of heaven may rest upon thee and that every evil influence may flee away, and the great plan of Salvation that has been devised for the human family may with all its attendant powers, — now rest upon thee, and in all thy future life let thine heart be comforted dear brother for the afflictions of this lifetime, shall work out for thee a more glorious Salvation, and if it does not please God to hear thy prayers, and the prayers of the Saints and answer them upon thine head in this life it shall be for a more noble purpose,

for thy life is in the hands of God; and he has power to control thy Salvation, and yet the time is

acoming when thy health shall be increased, and when thy body like Angels shall be made perfect, and thy Spirit shall mingle with the Spirits of just men, and thy labors and works shall be mingled with theirs there thou shalt realize and understand the purposes of God in afflicting his children and suffering them to be thus buffeted and destroyed by the power of Satan, for in heaven all these mysteries shall be made known and thy Soul shall not be pained, and thine heart shall be filled with the knowledge and glory of God and it shall be given unto thee to command, and it shall be done, and thy voice shall be obeyed because of the sorrows troubles and afflictions thou hast passed through here in this lifetime. thou shalt be rewarded with a glorious crown, and with a Salavation [Salvation] that is immortal and no power shall deprive thee of this blessing for thou art of the seed of Ephraim and of the household of faith & of the covenant seed of promise & I seal the blessing of eternal life upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah M. McNitt on July 3, 1845]

City of Joseph 3d July 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Hannah M. McNitt daughter of Nathan and Hannah Butler born Oswego Co New York 28th Apl 1818

Dear Sister I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing, praying Almighty God to bless thee with the outpourings of his Holy Spirit, and increase thy knowledge that thine heart may be gratified in the reception of blessings from heaven that are Spiritual, and that will guide govern and direct thee in all thy course that the Comforter even the Holy Ghost may bear thee up under thy trials and afflictions, that thou mayest be comforted when passing through this vale of tears & have strength and courage to endure all things for the sake of christ and while thou art ministering as an Angel of peace to thy husband that some kind Angel from heaven may be given charge concerning thee that thy sorrowing heart may bring a remission of sins. a full and complete redemption in the kingdom of God

for thou art one of the daughters of Abraham, and of that stock to whom the promises were made and thy name shall not be forgotten but be named upon many, and thy posterity shall become numerous for thou art also of the seed of Ephraim, and shall become a partaker with thy husband in all the joys of his Salvation — thy last days shall be thy best days and thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion when sickness and pain shall not be thy common lot thou shalt receive the smiles of many of thy friends who in former times have forsaken thee, for they shall be brought to unite with thee, in thy joys and shall be made partakers with thee in thy Salvation even thy father[']s house shall understand it,

thou shalt be remembered with a fond remembrance and blessed with a great reward, all the days of this life shall suffice for the punishment of thy sins and when past the vail [veil] thy Soul shall no longer be disturbed with the sting of death, for with immortal bloom thou shalt shine forth in the kingdom of heaven, and in the Resurrection morn take thy body, if thou wilt continue faithful in all humility and patience the love mercy and power of God shall be round about thee, and not one whit of this blessing shall fail, for after the scenes of trouble in this life are past thou shalt enjoy a life that is immortal and not mixed with sorrowing and pain, for upon thy head I confer and seal the blessing of eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ — Even so. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing Lydia C. Brewster on July 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4th July 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarc[h] upon the head of Lydia C Brewster daughter of William & Caroline born Oneida Co New York Jan 14th 1827.

Beloved Sister In the name of Jesus christ. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing that instruction may be sealed upon thine heart and that thy wisdom and knowledge may also be increased that thou mayest be blessed with the blessings of heaven, and with that joy that is unspeak-

able and full of glory, all of thy days and be preserved in the hands of God as a living ornament in the church of christ, as one whose examples may be worthy of imitation and be followed by many, because of the desires of thine heart to do good, to understand and know the will of God concerning thee, the Lord in his abundant mercy and goodness shall preserve thee and increase thy happiness and invigorate, thy body and mind that the blessings of health and long life and many days and years of [illegible] in the kingdom of God shall be upon thine head, because thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith, and of the lineage of Joseph who was sold into Egypt in this blessing then thy lineage is made known and unto thy posterity belongs the powers blessings and glories of the Holy Priesthood,

thy fathers administered even in days of old, and were called Priests of the most high God after the order of Melchisedeck, they were of that literal descent of Abraham to whom the promises were made, with these promises thy name shall be had in remembrance, and shall be named upon many and a multitude shall come of thy seed who are of Abraham[']s stock, and thou shalt stand in their midst as one holding power and authority and presiding over many, it shall be in a day and time of Zion[']s prosperity, and in the time of her deliverance when the arm of the mighty God of Jacob shall be made bare for the Salvation of his people, and in thy lifetime shall it come, and in thy lifetime shall thou consider it, even the fulfil[ment] of all these blessings upon thine head, and thou shalt understand more perfectly the glorious plan of Salvation.

and as a ministering Angel shall thou prove a Comforter to thy father[']s house, thy name shall be written with fond remembrance, upon the hearts of many, and in the temple of God when it is finished thou shalt see and comprehend blessings that shall be hereafter revealed that cannot now at this time be expressed, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, in wisdoms paths shall thou be guided [illegible] and by the spirit of [illegible] shalt thou be directed in all thy steps, thy ways shall be ways of pleasantness, and thy path the path of peace Angels shall be given in charge concerning thee, and they shall bear thee up and preserve thee all the day long, and thou shalt be taught of the Lord none shall take thy crown and place in the kingdom of heaven, for I seal upon thy head the blessings of that life which now is and that which is to come, even a Salvation that is after the power of an endless life which is eternal, everlasting and immortal, in the name of Jesus christ even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha Wilcox on July 7, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph 7th July 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Elisha Wilcox son of Frances and Polley born Pennsylvania 24 October 1809

Dear Brother Willcox I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ of Nazereth [Nazereth] and in his holy name and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, and the office of Patriarch confer and seal upon thine head a father[']s blessing, because thou art of the seed of the house of Israel to whom the promises were made, a descendant of Ephraim through the loins of Joseph therefore the blessings of the spiritual kingdom and a life which is everlasting belongeth unto thee, and also the power and blessings of the Holy Priesthood upon thine head because of the promised seed and upon the head of thy posterity for they shall be numerous and thy name shall be remembered to many generations and because of the desires of thine heart to do good I bless thee with a father[']s blessing and I seal upon thy head all the power that is necessary to work any miracle for thy good and for thy salvation, even the blessings of Abraham of Isaac and of Jacob, are thine and none shall take thy crown or place, in the kingdom of God

thou shalt be delivered from all thine enemies and the hands of designing men and they, who have sought to destroy thee and thy goods, and wronged thee out of thy labors and just demands shall not prosper in their day and generation but thy goodness and thy name shall live forever, and thy last days shall be thy best days for in this world some have their evil things and all this lifetime shall suffer for thine, but in

heaven thy salvation shall be made complete, thou shalt not suffer the pains of sin or the pains of death but inherit forever peace and rest, thou shalt be considered as a Savior to thy family and thy father[']s house shall come bending unto thee, and although they have cast thee out, yet the time shall come when they shall acknowledge thee as their servant [servant] of the most high God, and thy testimony thou hast been unto them shall not be forg[o]tten neither shall it return fruitless, be comforted then dear Brother for thine heart shall yet be filled with the glory and knowledge of God, and in future thy steps [steps] shall be governed by greater wisdom and thy salvation be sure, for by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, I seal upon thy head the blessings of eternal life even a Salvation which is everlasting eternal in the name of Jesus christ Even so — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Anna Wilcox on July 7, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph July 7th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriar[ch] upon the head of Anna Wilcox daughter of Minard and Barbary Pickle, born New Jersey 12th September 1814.

Dear Sister I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ, and as the Patriarch over the church of God, confer and seal upon thee a father[']s blessings, because thou art also a daughter of Abraham and of the sa[me] blood and lineage as thy companion, and as one of the promised seed of the house of Isreal [Israel] thou art numbered with the covenant seed of promise and although thy lifetime has been filled up with sorrow and trouble to this present time, yet these afflictions shall work out for thee a greater gloy [glory] and Salvation in the kingdom of God thy labors and thy toils shall not be forgotten, for thou hast labored hard and suffered much, and thy name shall be written with fond remembrance on the hearts of many, and be handed down to thy posterity, which shall be numero[us] and the time is a coming and not far distant when thou shalt see better day[s] and in Zion have the desires of thine heart, thy labors are not yet finished and thy days although numbered are lengthened out,

and as a ministering angel shalt thou continue to administer to thy companion, and as a mother in Is-rael thy children shall rise up and call thee blessed, and the example thou hast set in the labor of love and charity at home and in thy father[']s house shall be worthy of imitation and be followed by many, the true knowledge of God shall increase upon thee, and by the Spirit that leadeth into all truth, shalt thou be led and comforted and this shall be unto thee as the voice of one who is mighty, and a Joseph of the last days and by visions and dreams shalt thou understand greater knowledge, and many of the glorious truths of the Gos-pel and kingdom of God, shall be unfolded unto thee, and it shall come in thy day and thine heart shall be made glad, none shall take thy crown or place, neither shall the enemies of thy companion destroy thy fu-ture comfort or prosperity, the Lord will preserve thee in mercy and in Zion, thou shalt have an inheri-tance, and it shall be said that these are thy best days, and at this time thy sins are not counted against thee, they are not written in a Book for thy labors and praye[r]s and thy faith and thy works of righteousness have blotted them out, therefore I seal the blessings of eternal life upon thine head even a Salvation which is ev-erlasting and immortal that shall never end in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Bateman on July 7, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph July 7th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Jo-seph Bateman, son of Thomas and Betty, born Lancaster, England, 4th September 1802.

Beloved Brother, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth], and seal upon thee a father[']s blessing and in this blessing thy future destiny shall be made known, and of what blood thou art, it is thy faith that has brought thee to this place the honisty [honesty] and integrity of thine heart, that has inspired thee to look after Zion, and to come from a distant land to leave thy home and

country and become one of the despised of the earth, for a name and a standing among god[']s people, and also that Zion might prosper, and by the labor of thy hands with thy Brethren, the work of God might be rolled on, in thy veins the blood of the Royal seed even that of Joseph who was sold into Egypt, and the blessings of prophets and holy men from days of old, are upon thee and of that promised seed,

no power shall prevent thee from receiving the blessings of the Holy Priesthood upon thy head or upon the heads of thy posterity, thou shalt be blessed in all the labor of thine hands and in the society of thy family and friends, thou shalt have peace for the God of heaven shall subdue every unholy passion, and thy name shall become glorious in the midst of the earth, and a great work shall come of thee, and thy labors shall be multiplied upon thine head, and of them shall come much fruit and as stars in the crown of thy rejoicing thy father[']s house shall come bending unto thee, and all thy relations around thee and they shall call thee blessed, and thou shalt preside over them that are now lost and have driven thee from their affections, shall be found and thou shalt be their deliverer and they shall be blessed with the joys of salvation, with thee and in time and in eternity shalt thou realize the fulfilment of this blessing, for not one wit of it shall fail, but all shall be fulfilled, so let thine heart be comforted and also comfort and strengthen thy family and thy friends around thee, for true wisdom and the joys of heaven shall increase, and thine heart be made glad, and shall be filled with the knowledge of God, when thy salvation is complete, therefore serve thy Redeemer and thy God, for the glory of thy Salvation belongeth to him who made the heavens and the earth for he is thy deliverer and protector, and will save thee for upon thine head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, I seal the blessing of eternal life, even [even] a Salvation that is everlasting and immortal, that shall never end in the name of Jesus christ. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Margaret Bateman on July 7, 1845]

Nauvoo the [city of] Joseph July 7th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Margaret Bateman daughter of John and Mary Turner born Laneashire England 21st July 1804

Beloved Sister, in the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon thee a blessing that is purely Patriarchal and after the holy order of God, that thou mayest be blessed with thy husband and with him, be made a partaker of all his joys for thou art of the same lineage, and stock in his blessing, therefore is thy lineage made known, because thou hast also journeyed from a distant land, the faith of Abraham hath also made thee whole, for thy sins are not counted against thee, neither shall they be in Zion, for they shall all be blotted out, thou shalt live to see the desires of thine heart all fulfilled, for thy s[ec]ret contemplation and thoughts have been upon Zion, and her prosperity and for this cause thou hast been willing to leave the land of thy home, to obtain a better land of promise, and be numbered with th[e] children of Zion. the blessing and powers of the Gospel of Jesus christ, has opened to thy view the bright prospects of the future glory of Zion, and thus it has been for her welfare thou hast sought to see a people, of one heart and of one mind and all led by the one spirit of God and to unite with them to become one of God[']s chosen ones, all these prospects and goodly desires shall not fail thee,

for the time is a coming, when Zion shall arise and put on her beautiful garments, and the watchmen upon her walls shall see eye to eye, and all her children shall be taught of the Lord and thy days shall be lengthened out and thy name shall not be forgotten, and with thy companion thou shalt sit down in the kingdom of heaven, with thy father[']s family, and thy heart shall be made glad, in their salvation, and thou shalt give glory, honor, and praise, to the God of heaven for his marvellous works, for his praise shall be great in the midst of the earth and thou shalt live to see it and his name is the mighty one of Israel, and by his voice shalt thou be comforted, by day and by night, the spirit of wisdom shall guide thee in all thy steps, and the joy and comfort of the Holy Ghost, shalt be thine and thou shalt be led to praise the name of God for

evermore, for by his almighty power, shalt thou be saved, with a Salvation that is immortal, and eternal, in the kingdom of God, which blessing, I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Thomas Crompton on July 7, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph July 7th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch, upon the [head] of Thomas Crompton, son of John and Mary born Laneashire England 9th November 1803.

Dear Brother Crompton, I lay my hands upon your head, to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, for thou art of that stock to whom [whom] the promises were made, and of the household of faith, and although many evils and temptations have arisen to decoy thee from the same, even from the church of christ, yet God in his mercy has preserved thee, for a good and wise purpose and out of these temptations has he delivered thee, and by his grace will he preserve thee all the day long, thou hast seen days of trouble, and thy spirit has been weighed down and over the sins of the people hast thou wept, and when thou hast seen the treachery of false Bretheren [Brethren], and pretended friends around thee, thy Soul has been pained it hath grieved thee to see the power of the destroyer, yet thine heart has been made glad in the glorious prospects of Zion, thou shalt live to see the desires of thine heart, and with the seed of Joseph thy name shall be numbered and after his tribe shall thou be called and as one of his horns which is an offspring of that Royal stock thou shalt be called to do a marvellous work, and visit many lands for thou art called and chosen, to the work of the ministry, and thy voice shall be heard among many people, the heathens shall rejoice and be glad, the gentiles imagine vain things, and the Lamanites come home to Zion, to rest for they are of the seed of Abraham and also of the house of Joseph,

and thy voice shall be as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of distant thunder[s] shall the great men of the earth hear it, fear and tremble and to them it shall prove a savior of life unto life, or of death unto death, for the [illegible] time has come, and the harvest is great and whatsoever is bound on earth is bound in heaven and by the testimony of the servants [servants] of God, sanctioned by his Spirit and almighty power shall it be done thy crown shall be great, thy salvation sure. none shall take thy place in the kingdom of God, for power shall be given thee to triumph over thine enemies, and the Devil, and from the dust shall thy body be formed again upon the principles that are eternal, and immortal and enjoy another life, and a better hope a country that is out of sight, a building of God not made with hands but eternal in the heavens, therefore, be comforted dear Brother for thou shalt be brought with al[l] thy family and father[']s house to this salvation and no power can prevent this blessing being fulfilled upon thine head for I seal it upon thee by the authority of [the] Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Betsy Crompton on July 7, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph July 7th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch, upon the head of Betsy Crompton, daughter of John and Margaret Greenalch born Laneashire England 13th September 1803

Dear Sister, I lay my hands upon your head, to bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus christ, and seal upon you a father[']s blessing, according [to] the desires of thine heart, because thou art of that promised seed, numbered with those who shall stand with the multitude of Israel who shall be in number as the sand upon the sea shore, for in thy veins, runs the blood of prophets and Royal seed, and with thy husband, thou hast been chosen to partake of the afflictions of the last days, and share in the glories and joys of Zion, for thou art of his blood, and in his blessing is thy lineage made known, and because thou hast been willing to sacrifice the land of home even father and mother, houses and lands, to come to Zion. to possess an inheritance in the promised land, thou shalt realize the fulfilment of the desires of thine heart, and every sacrifice, and every privation, and every trouble and every affliction, in thy family and that thou hast suffered,

thou shalt be rewarded with so many stars, in thy crown, and unto thy husband thy desire shall be and thy heart shall cleave unto him, and thy Salvation shall be made complete, and be made accordingly great for in this world thou shalt be rewarded fourfold, and in the world to come thou shalt have life everlasting, thy name shall not be forgotten for the deeds of charity thou hast done, and thy labor of love, but thou hast been true and faithful, in all thy household and none can reproach thee, thine enemies have sought to destroy thy faith, and that of thy companion, yet thou hast been preserved by the mercy of God, and his grace has been sufficient for thee, the time of thy greatest trouble are over, Zion will rise and prosper and thou shalt see it, and it shall fill thy heart with joy and peace. it shall be no more said of thee that thou art troubled because of false Bretheren [Brethren] and those who have sought thy ruin, shall be brought to nought then do not be discouraged Dear sister, but trust in God thy faith will save thee, and make thee whole and all the all the day long the mercy of God shall be strewn in thy path and thou shalt be saved and comforted and none shall take thy crown or place, but in the kingdom of heaven shalt thou rest in peace, with thy companion, and with all thy family and thy father[']s house, and none shall deprive thee of this Salvation for I seal it upon thee in the name of Jesus christ, and by the authority of the holy Priesthood. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of James Richardson on July 7, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph July 7th 1845 A Blessing of William Smith Patriarch upon the head of James Richardson son of Philip and Ann born Leeds Yorkshire England 4[t]h March 1810

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a fathe[r']s blessings for unto thee and thy seed after thee promises are made because of thy progenitors for thou art of the Royal family and of the blood of Joseph and no power under heaven shall urest [wrest] thy Salvation from thee because of the integrity of thine heart and the promises made with Israel and all thy lifetime thou shalt see fulfillment upon thine head that blessing that was confirmed on Joseph who was sold into Egypt of whose blood thou art and the earth shall yield her treasures unto thee and the heavens her Revelations thou shalt be made a partaker of the joy of the celestial kingdom and shall have abundance of peace and truth thy last days shall not be as thy former days for when thou hast groaned in bondage and in poverty thou shalt enjoy the liberty of the sons of God and the true riches of heaven and it shall be thy meet [meat] and thy drink to do his will know and understand his commandments

I seal thee up to eternal life against all sins and blasphemies except the sin against the the Holy Ghost which is the shed[d]ing of innocent blood which sin I do not say shall be forgiven in this world or in the world to come yet God knows the appointed time of redemption for all mankind and it is not revealed for man to know in this probationary state it shall be known hereafter the appointed times and God[']s salvation to all the human family and it shall be given unto thee to know by the holy Spirit from time to time all the will of God concerning thee and by the Spirit of truth shalt thou be led and in the paths of wisdom shalt thou be guided all the day long and thine heart shall be comforted when thy spirit is cast down the God of mercy shall raise thee up and thou shalt triumph over thine enemies and over the world the flesh and the Devil, and he shall not have power by all his cunning devices to entangle thee in his snare and engulph [engulf] thy Soul in the pit of misery for with a glad heart and clean hands shalt thou rejoice over him and enjoy Salvation beyond his reach

I also seal upon thine head the blessings of long life rebuking every evil and every affliction and commanding the blessing of health to rest upon thee that thy name may be handed down to thy posterity and that many shall rise up and call thee blessed for thy name shall be great in the midst of the earth and thine inheritance is sealed forever in Zion and if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God not one whit of the blessing shall fail for I seal upon thine head by the authority of the holy Priesthood the blessing

of that life which now is and the blessing of that life which is to come which is eternal life in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Luther on July 7, 1845]

City of Joseph July 7th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Elizabeth Luther daughter of Minard and Barbary Pickle born Ohio 15 May 1826

Dear sister I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ of Nazereth [Nazareth] to seal upon you a father[']s blessing in which thy lineage shall be made known for thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the tribe of Joseph and because of this seed thou art numbered in the covenant made with Abraham, and one of the elect according to the purpose of God and according to the promises made thou art of a numerous posterity and thy seed and blood shall be continued to be multiplied upon the face of the earth, and many shall rise up of this posterity in time to come, that shall be mighty and great in the land, who shall bear off the kingdom in mighty power and hold the keys of the Holy Priesthood, for they are of that Royal nation to whom belongs the powers, an[d] blessings, of that right which is after the order of Melchisedec, and the power of an endless life, the days of thy sorrows are not yet finished although many of them are past yet thy many urongs [wrongs] that have been afflicted upon thee shall bring upon thy head in times to come; joys and blessings that the heart of man has not co[n]ceived of, and thou shalt have the desires of thine heart,

and if in faithfulness thou wilt serve God all the day long, thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion and none shall deprive [thee] of this blessing thy days although numbered are not yet finished, and when upon beds of sickness or by pains distressed if thou wilt read this blessing and exercise faith in God by prayer and supplication thou shalt be delivered and be raised up the spirit of God will give unto thee the true wisdom and comfort thine heart when thou art distressed and make thee to rejoice in the holy one of Israel and thou shalt continue to receive an increase of knowledge and blessings temporal and spiritual, and the name of God shall be had with the most perfect reverence, and the joys blessings and glories of the spiritual kingdom shall be thine, as a member of the church of christ, and as a polished shaft shalt thou remain long, and with an exalted and celestial glory shalt thou be saved in the kingdom of heaven, with all thy family and father[']s house, therefore [be] comforted dear sister, for thy last days shall be thy best days for the promises made to Abraham are thine, and as a daughter in Israel all the blessings of the holy Priesthood are upon thine head by that authority which is purely Priesthood and of the power and Revelation of Jesus christ I seal upon thine head a salvation that is eternal, and everlasting in the name of Jesus christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ann Mackley on July 7, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph July 7th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Mary Ann Mackl[e]y daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah born Madina Co Ohio 13 Sept 1828

Dear sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that in common with thy father[']s house thou mayest share in the blessings of parents, and of their joys and salvation, this blessing shall prove a comfort unto thee in times of trouble, and when thy spirit is depressed and when thy troubles and afflictions have borne thee down, for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquaint[t]ed with grief, and all the afflictions and misfortunes of thy father[']s house hath been thine own for with them thy spirit has sympathized [sympathized], and the condition of thy soul in the days of thine afflictions, has given vent to a flood of tears none could tell the thoughts of thy heart, thy meditations have been in secret and alone, thou hast wandered without a friend scarcely to tell the thoughts of thy heart, as a child and an orphan though deprived of an earthly friend, who was a father who watched over thee, yet thy mother[']s tears prayers and faith preserves thee, and her watchfull care has proven thy Salvation,

these deeds of kindness, even a mother[']s fondness, shall be written upon thy memory, [illegible] for as examples of thy character having been formed the principles of true fidelity shall continue forever, and the integrity of thine heart shall not fail, it shall be said of thee that thou art a mother in Israel, and of that stock, who is of Joseph, and of his tribe shalt thou be called, and thy last days shall be thy best days, and thy days shall be lengthened out, and good health shall be thine and thy body and mind shall be invigorated, and in keeping the commandments of God, thou shalt find peace and happiness, but the penalty of the law must follow up the heels of the transgressor, and if at any time thou should[e]st stray from the fold,

thou shalt be gathered up by the good shepherd, and thou shalt be saved and and all the follies of youth and the errors of past life, shall be forgiven thee and a friend that is after thine heart, who is also of the house of Joseph shall be thy companion, and be great in the midst of the earth and thy glory shall be great in the kingdom of heaven, and as one of the stars of the bright constellation shalt thou shine, and with others partake of many joys and blessings, therefore I seal the blessings of salvation upon thy head a Salvation which is after the power of an endless life, with all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom, in the name of Jesus christ. even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Mackley on July 7, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph 7th July 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Elizabeth Mackley daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah born Canton Stark Co Ohio Novr 13[t]h 1824

Beloved Sister, upon thine head I lay my hands to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, in the name of the holy child Jesus, and it shall come upon thee and thine heart, shall be made glad, for as a child that needeth the instruction of a father and as one whose spirit is young and tender, the god of heaven whom ye serve will be thy father, and thy protector, many have not understood thy spirit, or known thy moral worth, thy heart is filled with charity, and thy spirit enabled with the principles of greatness liberality dwelleth in thy soul, the depths of thy thoughts none can fathom, thy meditations are in secret, the tear of grief and sorrow is shed in the closet and like a soldier thou hast come, the toils of the day and the afflictions that have come upon thy father[']s house, for thou hast been true and faithful, and thy desires have been for their salvation, and with thy might and strength, hast thou labored, and thy labors shall not be forgotten. numbered with the house of Israel as one of the daughters of Abraham, and of the house of Joseph,

thy humility shall increase upon thee, and as one of the poor thou shalt inherit the earth. and as one of the meek thou shalt increase thy joy in the Lord, thou shalt be prospered in thy understanding, be blessed temporally and spiritually, in the labors of thy hands. and all the follies of youth, and evils of thy past life, shall be forgiven & those of thy father[']s house shall not remember them against thee, because of the honesty and integrity of thy heart, thou shalt not loose thy crown but it shall be said of thee that thou art blessed, and thou shalt be called a mother in Israel, thou shalt be fruitful and multiply, thou shall have all the desires of thine heart, and a friend shall be given thee, who will prove a friend in truth and in deed, and thy Redeemer and thy God shall watch over thee the honor and glory of thy salvation shall be ascribed to him who has mad[e] heaven and earth, and no power shall wrest thee from his hands, and thy salvation is sure, for I seal upon thy head the blessing of eternal life in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Mackley on July 7, 1845]

Nauvoo city of Joseph 7 July 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Sarah Mackley daughter of Jacob and Barbary Oiler born Adams Co Penna 8 Dece[mber] 1802.

Dear Sister, I lay my hands upon your head and bless you in the name of Jesus christ, and seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that instruction may be sealed upon thy heart, that the desires of thine heart may be

realized, and thy soul comforted, for thou art a daughter of Abraham, and of the seed of Joseph, and in this blessing is thy lineage made known, thy fathers were of the Royal stock, they were those that had the Priesthood, and administered before the altar [altar], they offer[ed] sacrifices and made atonements for sins, the power of this Priesthood having been lost from thy progenitors, for many of them were holy and righteous men and begat to them a great name in their day, has been restored again and will be p[l]aced upon the head of thy posterity, and in this the seed of the house of Israel shall be made known, from among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the nations, no blessing or promise that was made to Abraham to be answered [answered] upon the heads of his daughters shall fail, of being fulfilled upon thee, and if thou art faithful, in all things thy sins shall not be remembered against thee in Zion, the days of thy sorrows are past, it is enough that thou hast suffered, but in this world thou wilt receive thine evil things, but in heaven thou wilt receive thy good things, yet in all thy days to come shalt thou be blessed, thy last days shall be thy best days,

and from bondage shalt thou be set free, for a friend shall be given thee who is mighty, and none shall surpass his glory in the Priesthood, his name shall be counted great and in thy lifetime shalt thou consider it and this blessing shall be fulfilled upon thine head, and of thee shall come a multitude, and upon thine head shall the blessings of Abraham be multiplied and thy posterity none can number, and all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom are thine, and the joys of thy salvation shall be great, none shall take thy crown or place in Zion, thou shalt have an inheritance, thy days shall be lengthened out thou shalt praise thy God, and thy Redeemer, for the honor of thy salvation shall be of him who is mighty to save, and who shall be thy God, in the day when awful judgements are abroad among the nations of the earth, and the wicked are destroyed, yet this salvation is thine, thou shalt sit down in the kingdom of God with Abraham Isaac & Jacob and numbered with Moses and all the holy prophets and rest in peace forever. for this blessing, I seal upon thine head by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Gardner on July 7, 1845]

City of Joseph July 7th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Mary Gardner daughter of Alexander & Marion Nobe born Lanarkshire Scotland Novr 1802

Beloved Sister. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal a father[']s blessing upon thine head that in all thy days thou mayest be blessed and in all thy lifetime be comforted and that crown of glory thou hast sought for may be sealed upon thee that it may never be taken from thy hands and it shall not be, for the Lord hath promised thee Salvation through obedience, and the humility of thine heart shalt be great in obeying the commandments of God, and if thy faith has been weakened because of evil works, it shall be strengthened again, and thy joys shall increase upon thee for unto thee the promises of God are yea and Amen and they are sure and ste[a]dfast given by an irrevocable decree of Almighty God

concerning thy posterity for thou art an Ephraimite a descendant of Joseph and it was to this seed the promises were made and the promises and blessings of all holy men are upon thine head Let not thy fears trouble thee dear Sister but be encouraged put thy trust in God serve him with an upright heart & thy Soul shall be blessed and it shall be said of thee that thy faith and works hath made thee whole and thy name shall become great in the earth and as a mother in Israel a multitude shall rise up and call thee blessed, it shall be in a time to come and none shall take thy crown or place for thou shalt be fruitful and multiply and of Abraham shall thy seed be numbered the time is a coming when to the joy of thy heart this blessing shall be fulfilled upon thine head thy Sins shall be forgiven thee

and when all of thy father[']s house and thy friends shall gather round thee thy heart shall be filled with joy for thou shalt see their Salvation and even them who are now lost and that thy faith has despaired of they shall come and it shall be a feast of fat things wine on the lees well refined A day of consolation and

thy joy shall be completed thy days altho numbered are lengthened out and thy body shall be invigorated & thy mind and faith strengthened that all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom and every necessary power and qualification for thy Salvation I seal upon thine head for thou art blessed a member of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints and the Salvation which is immortal eternal and everlasting I seal upon thine head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha Tate on July 7, 1845]

City of Joseph July 7th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Martha Tate daughter of Robert & Janet born County of Mid-Lothian Scotland 1st July 1845

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to confer and seal the blessing of [a] father upon thee according to the desires of thine heart this is done in the name of Jesus christ and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood praying God almighty to bless you and do away all your fears and doubts and make thee happy restore thy mind to perfect peace for thou hast been troubled about many things and strange questions have arisen & thy thoughts none can understand yet thy desires have been to do right love and serve God and keep his commandments it has been thy faith and righteousness that has brought thee from a distant shore to see Zion and unite with the church of God thy faith shall be increased thy fears and doubts shall cease to trouble thee

and the time is a coming when all things shall be made plain and when a Record is made and the house of Israel is numbered with all their generations thy name shall be written upon a Record this shall be done in the temple of the Lord then shall be revealed unto thee the destiny of thy forefathers they who were ordained unto the holy Priesthood and bore the ark of the covenant, and those who have not been blessed with this blessing, and in the font of God shalt thou be called to bear witness of thy faith and the integrity of thy heart, and the deeds that shall be done by thee shall carry Salvation to the dead, and thy fathers shall live and thy blood relatives shall be brought to inherit the celestial kingdom, the history of these works shall beget to thee an everlasting name, and be remembered down to many generations upon whom shall be conferred the blessings of the Holy Priesthood according to that right, that belongs to the seed of Joseph that shall be numbered of thy posterity,

and thou shalt see it and know it and understand it. and in eternity thy Spirit shall mingle with those of thy fathers, and of this Royal Priesthood thy Salvation Shall be made complete, and now at this time I give unto thee a promise if thou art true and faithful not one whit of this blessing shall fail, and thy name shall be made glorious and thy posterity shall become great in the midst of the earth when the seed of Joseph shall bear rule and authority and Jesus Christ thy Redeemer and thy King shall reign over all, & blessed for evermore and thy Salvation is sure, then thou shalt see thy Redeemer and thy god for all this, with all the blessings and joys of the Spiritual kingdom I seal upon thy head by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Bell on July 7, 1845]

City of Joseph July 7th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Samuel Bell son of Samuel and Rosannah born county of Antrim Ireland 2d Feby 1814

Dear Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a father[']s blessing, because thou art of the promised seed of the house of Israel thou art a legal heir in the kingdom of God and to the holy Priesthood, thy fathers were of a mighty nation and administered before the alter [altar], and through faith were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, put to flight the armies of the aliens and escaped the edge of the sword, they were men of unyielding Spirits, and who in eternity Volunte[e]red to take upon them taberna-

cles to fight the battles of the Lord, and be his ministers. it is for this cause thou hast been spared to live to behold this day and the glory of Zion

it has been that determined resolution manifested in thy fathers, in days of old that has kept thy head above the mighty wave of opposition, fearlessly and with undaunted courage to press on, to build up Zion, and to see the religion of Jesus pure and undefiled flourish in the land, yet many times temptations have arisen and snares have been set in the way to decoy thee from the faith, yet the grace of God has been sufficient for thee, and thy faith hath made thee whole thou shalt continue to have power over temptation and that, that has been given thee of God, and conferred upon thy head shall not be taken from thee, neither shall another take thy place or thy crown, for Abraham's seed of whom thou art a descendant a Josephite by blood, of his tribe shall thy lineage be counted, and thy generations shall be blessed, with the power of that Priesthood that is counted of that seed, for none others can obtain the exalted blessings and privileges that are not counted of the promised seed of the house of Israel,

thy days shall be lengthened out to behold thy name named upon many and thy posterity to become numerous and the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob shall be multiplied upon thy head, and all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom, thou shalt have power to do any miracle in the name of Jesus christ which shall be for thy good and thy Salvation when thou art old thou shalt consider well this blessing, and in Zion thou shalt lay down thy body in peace to rest and in the Resurrection morn thou shalt come forth in the bloom of youth and hail thy family and many of thy father[']s house in the kingdom of God, to go no more out, and that Salvation which is after the power of an endless life is thine, for I seal it upon thee, by the authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of Jesus christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Jemima Bell on July 7, 1845]

City of Joseph July 7th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Jemima Bell daughter of Charles and Catherine Loughery born Montgomery Co New York 9 Decemr 1818.

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazereth, I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a father[']s blessing that may be sealed upon thee, throughout thy lifetime, and upon thy posterity, that thy name may be made glorious among the daughters of Israel and be counted of Abraham[']s descent, for thou art of the household of faith and of the promised seed, to whom pertaineth the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood, for in time thou shalt understand more of the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood for in time thou shalt understand more of the powers¹ and priesthood authority that pertaineth to this lineage for with thy husband thou shalt be made a partaker of that ministry, that shall exalt thee in celestial mansions, let thine heart be comforted dear Sister — for none shall take thy place, thou shalt stand in thy lot, and a multitude shall gather round thee,

and thou shalt preside over many and so a Queen shalt thou rule and none dispute thy right, & as a mother in Israel thou shalt be blessed, and look upon thy posterity that shall be numerous according to the promises made with Abraham in which thou art numbered, and thy name shall be had in remembrance unto many generations, and thou shalt see the glory of Zion and the deserts blossom as the rose and the desires of thine heart shalt be granted unto thee and it shall not be said of thee that thou hast well run for a season only but it shall be said of thee that thy faith and thy integrity hath endured all the day long, and the sacrifices thou hast made in leaving the land of thy home, and journeying from a distance to a land of promise, shall not fail thee of a glorious reward and altho friends have turned away from thee and those who were near by the ties of nature, have frowned upon thy course yet they they shall remember the testimony thou

1. The words "for in time thou shalt understand more of the powers" are repeated.

hast borne, and acknowledge thee as a child of God, a daughter of Abraham and one who has borne the truth in faithfulness, and their wrath shall be turned away, and they shall come bending unto thee, and in the kingdom of God, thou shalt realize the fulfilment of this blessing, and not one whit of it shall fail for I seal it upon thee, even a blessing of eternal Salvation by an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Catherine N. Houck on July 7, 1845]

City of Joseph July 7th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Catherine N Houck daughter of William & Eliza born Philadelphia Pen[n]sylvania — Augt 11. 1827

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall comfort thy Soul and afford thee happiness and pleasure when thou shalt read it, and when it shall be fulfilled upon thine head for whatsoever is good and cometh of the Spirit of truth is of God and whatsoever is made known by Revelation upon thy head in this blessing shall be fulfilled and not one whit of it fail, for I bless thee in the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of a father who is appointed to confer blessings upon the orphan child, and much glory shall be seen of thee and as a polished shaft and as one of the corner stones of Zion, shalt thou shine forth in the kingdom of heaven better days are thine, they shall come upon thee to the joy of thy heart thy past life has been marked even at many times and has given thee trouble, and the sorrowing of thine heart has given vent to a flood of tears, in secret thou has pondered these things in thy mind, the closet has been witness of thy grief and tears,

thy friends around thee have not known the thoughts of thy heart, it has been with deep meditation that thou hast laid thy body down to rest but although these thoughts and gloomy clouds have arisen yet thine unconquerable Spirit has burst through them all, and thy Soul has been delivered from temptation & thy Spirit has again found rest and it shall be said of thee in days to come that none are more upright or their love more pure for the cause of truth and the holy order of God the day of thine exaltation awaiteth thee and it shall come and thou shalt have the desires of thy heart, the follies of youth shall be rememb[e]red no more against thee the Vanities of thy mind shall flee away,

and when more mature age cometh on, thy judgement shall become strong and thy wisdom increased, & thy Spirit & Soul as firm as the gates and bars of heaven, and none shall turn thee from thy course, for thou shalt be established upon a rock, who is thy Redeemer and thy God, a friend shall be given unto thee to whom belongs the Holy Priesthood, and thy name shall be named upon many, for of thee shall be a numerous posterity and thou shalt be a mother in Israel, and many shall call thee blessed because thou art a daughter of Abraham, and of the seed of Joseph, and none shall deprive thee of thy Salvation, of thy place in the kingdom of heaven; or thy crown for upon thine head Beloved Sister. I seal the blessing of eternal life even a Salvation that is everlasting eternal and immortal with an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus Christ Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Jane Smith² on July 7, 1845]

City of Joseph July 7th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Mary Jane Smith his wife daughter of Enock & Sophia Rollins born Penobscot Co Maine 25th Decr [18]29

Mary Jane Smith. I lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that thine

2. William Smith's wife Caroline died on May 22, 1845. William, who was thirty-four years old, was married to Mary Jane Rollins, who was fifteen, on June 22, 1845, by Brigham Young. A neighboring newspaper commented: "His bride is about 16 years of age and he is 35. Bill will do very well for a father in the church but his wife won't do for [a] mother" (*Warsaw Signal and Agricultural, Literary and Commercial Register* 2 [July 2, 1845]: 2, Warsaw, Illinois).

heart and soul may be engaged in the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of christ and that as the Companion of him who has been called as the Servant of the most high God that the Spirit of this last dispensation may be instilled into thy heart, and thy faith increased and thy courage and the integrity of thy heart be not common to those of thy sex for thou art now in the days of thy youth and in paths that are slippery and in ways where temptations are many yet because thou art of the stock of the Royal family, and of the covenant seed of promise and the elect according to the purpose of God power shall be given unto thee to withstand every evil and the honesty of thy heart shall enable thee to triumph over thine enemies

for thou hast now engaged in a work that is not peculiar to thy former situation in life and if thou wilt pray much & put thy trust in the true and living God grace and strength shall be given thee and thou shalt be blessed above many yea even with strength to perform thy duty well the follies of thy past life are all forgiven and not remembered against thee for they are only the evils that are common to youths but thy firm[n]ess and determined resolution has borne thee off with garments pure and a soul that is spotless, many have not understood thy Spirit neither have they known the thoughts of thy heart the troubles and toils of thy former life have many times thrown a gloom of despondency over the horizon of thy mind and thy hopes and bright prospects of the future for ease comfort and happiness has been beclouded and for a moment seemingly blasted for ever but again thy Soul has struggled in the midst of all this gloom and the power of this opposition and brighter prospects have appeared

and thy fears and doubts have been removed thou hast been troubled much because of thy father[']s house and evils that have arisen yet thou hast desired to see their Salvation and to be in subjection to their parental care, their prayers and truly their faith & Labor of love has preserved thy life unto this present time God has looked down upon thee in mercy and raised thee from beds of sickness and when thy Spirit has been weak thy body has been preserved and even from the grave of death the God of heaven hath delivered thee and raised thee up and because of thy truth and the integrity of thine heart thy name shall not be forgotten and if thou wilt cleave unto him who is thy deliverer and Redeemer none shall take thy place and thou shalt be one numbered with the brightest stars in the constellation of the heavens

for thou art of the blood of Joseph and of the Royal stock a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith and thy name shall be written in Records kept by sacred historians with many others and be deposited in the Archives of the temple and of thee shall be a numerous people upon whom shall be ordained the Holy Priesthood and they shall be mighty in their day and generation and like the lion that cometh up from the thicket and the young lion that maketh the forest to tremble they shall be mighty and powerful in the midst of the earth and no enemy can stand before them thy days are lengthened out thy years shall not fail, and the joys of the celestial kingdom shall increase upon thee as age and experience comes on if thou art faithful in obeying the law of the celestial kingdom none shall succeed in thy place but thy glory and majesty and thy greatness shall be as the Angels of heaven but should any evil Spirit lead and entice thee away from the obligations of this covenant with thy God thy glory must fail otherwise thy happiness and thine exaltation is sure,

and the glory of Almighty God and his Salvation shall be upon thine head and all the day long shalt thou be comforted & thy faith shall be the paths of peace and thy ways the ways of pleasantness and as a daughter of Zion thou shalt become a polished shaft in the hands of God for doing much good and thy moral worth shall be written in intelligible letters in the archives of heaven, and in the hearts of many people thou shalt cherish a Reverence for divine things and thy Soul shall cleave unto God and his glorious presence with thee shall be more precious than the oil that run down upon Aaron[']s beard or the dew upon Mount Hermon and to praise his name and to do his will and desire the riches of his Salvation shall be more desiring than apples of Go[l]d or baskets of silver and after all the Vanities of life are past, age and experience

has brought on a better judgement thy wisdom and thy knowledge shall be increased and thy glory shall be seen of many people & disappointments shall take hold of the hearts of those who have not been thy friends and their names shall not be remembered forever none shall be more honored

for thou shalt be blessed with thy companions who are made equal with thee in the blessings of the celestial kingdom. and thou shalt have thy place and when thy work is done in peace thou shalt rest thy body in the grave thy Spirit gone to mingle with the just but in the Resurrection morn thy body shall be raised to live again and there be numbered with those of thy father[']s house and to stand with thy Companion in thy lot and place exalted with Prophets and Patriarchs and with the seed of Joseph of whose lineage thou art in the most exalted mansion in the kingdom of heaven with the blessings of Abraham & Issac [Isaac] and all holy men upon thy head for this is thy blessing even eternal life a Salvation that shall never end sealed upon thine head by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ — Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lydia Rafferty on July 8, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph July 8[t]h 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Lydia Rafferty, daughter of Peter and Comfort born Guilford County North Carolina 22d August 1795.

Dear sister, I lay my hands upon your head, to bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus christ with a father[']s blessing, that thou mayest be blessed in all thy days, and that thy last days may be thy best days, for in former times thy trouble has been great, and even those upon whom thou hast placed the most confidence, in times that are past, professed to be thy best friends have proven to be the most treacherous, they have deceived thee with their Philosophy and vain deceit, and their words have been fine and good, when corruption was in their hearts, it has been the liberality of thy soul and thy charity, that has given them power over thee, for thou hast not been watching for iniquity, nor laying a snare for such evils much wrong has been committed upon thy head

and if the history of thy past experience was unfolded, it would tell a tale of grief, not peculiar to many, yet thy children have been thy comfort and thy God thy support, and all the losses and sacrifices thou hast made, and all that has been wrested from thee, by wicke[d] and designing men shall be restored unto thee fourfold. and thou shalt yet prosper and see better days, and those who have sought thy destruction, shall feel the wrath of God upon their heads, when thou art saved, and thy children blessed with plenty, and because thou art numbered with the house of Israel, thy lineage shall be counted of Ephraim and thy posterity shall become numerous and as a multitude shall they be numbered and upon their heads shall be conferred the holy Priesthood, which is after the order of Melchisedec, which priesthood belongeth to their lineage, and the power of the same shall last throughout their generations, and in Zion thou Shalt have an inheritance. and thy name shall be written in the book of the law of the Lord, with many of thy forefathers for they shall all be numbered they were those who administered before the alter [altar], and in the temple of God when it is finished, thou shalt receive greater instructions,

and thy duty shall be made known concerning thy dead, for in the font of the Lord which is for the Baptisms for the dead, with many other ordinances, connected with the holy Priesthood, shalt thou perform a work that shall constitute thee as a savior to many, of thy household, and great shall be thy reward when thou comest into thy kingdom, and many who have despised thee in this life, and rejected thy testimony, and spurned thee from their homes, and treated thee treacherously; shall come bending unto thee and by thy mercy, shall they be saved when thy Salvation is completed, and in the kingdom of heaven shalt realize the fulfilment of this blessing, and thy crown shall be filled with stars, thine own household shall gather round thee, and as a Mother in Isreal [Israel], shalt thou preside over them, for upon their heads is sealed a Salvation, that is everlasting, eternal, and immortal, in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Ira B. Dillan on July 8, 1845]

City of Joseph 8th July 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Ira B Dillan, son of Peter & Lydia born Guilford Co North Carolina 31st May 1823.

Beloved Brother, I lay my hands upon your head to confer and seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that according to the holy order of God, thou mayest not be forgotten, but be remembered for this is the decree of Almighty God, on all those who belong to the house of Israel, according to the promises made to the fathers in days of old, that of Israel a numerous posterity should be raised up, and in this last days they shall be gathered together on Mount Zion, the place of the house of Israel, which should be reared for the enduement [endowment] of the Saints, a place of holiness and a place whereon the name of God shall be written and a sanctuary established according to the rights and ceremonies of the holy Priesthood, when the celestial law shall be administered in its fulness

and it is unto thee dear Brother, that this dispensation has come even [even], a power made known by which thy lineage is revealed, and thy forefathers are brought into the everlasting covenant, for thou art of the seed of Ephraim, and of that holy priesthood, and nation to whom the blessings and promises were made, and because thou hast served well thy father[']s house, and thy Spirit has sought to understand the fulness of the Gospel, and obey the precepts and commandments of heaven, thou shalt be saved, thy health shall increase upon thee, and thy days shall be lengthened out, for all the blessings and powers of the spiritual kingdo[m] with a salvation that is immortal, and everlasting, I seal upon thine head, with an irrevocable [irrevokable] decree, in the name of Jesus christ even so. amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Alpheus L. Dillan on July 8, 1845]

A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch, on the head of Alpheus L Dillan son of Peter and Lydia born Guilford Co North Carolina 2d July 1825. Given City of Joseph July 8th 1845.

Beloved brother, I lay my hands upon your head to bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus christ, and to confer upon you a father[']s blessing for this is according to the nature of my office, to confer blessings on the fatherless, and on the whole church of God, that the blessings of the spiritual kingdom, which are thine by promise, may now be sealed upon thee, and thy spiritual strength renewed [renewed], and all that God has in store for thee, may begin from this time to be poured out upon thine head, for I bless you with the blessings of Abraham, Issac [Isaac] and Jacob, and thy blessing shall prevale [prevail] above the blessings of many of thy progenitors, thou art also an Ephraimite, and a mighty work shalt thou perform in thy day and generation,

the days of thy greatest anxiety for the salvation of thy father[']s house is past, for better days are thine, and thou shalt prove a comfort unto them and thy voice shall be heard and thy council [counsel] shall be great, and in time the blessings and powers of the holy Priesthood with its highest exaltation shall be thine for thou shalt be numbered with the house of Israel, and with the one hundred and forty four thousand, on Mount Zion, and of the promised seed shall thy name be reckoned, and thousands shall call thee blessed, thy days are not a few, but in Zion shalt thou reckon up all of thy father[']s house and they shall sit down with them in Zion to go no more out, and thou shalt preside over many for great shall be thy salvation, and none shall take thy crown, for I seal upon thy head dear Brother, that life which now is, and that which is to come, by the authority of the holy priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Shelly on July 8, 1845]

City of Joseph July 8th 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Joseph Shelly son of Ira and Hannah born Vermont 8th Sept. 1802

Beloved brother, In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head, to confer and seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that thou mayest be blessed throughout all thy day and generation, and thy posterity after thee, for thou art of Abraham[']s seed to whom the promises and covenants were made and of the blood of Ephraim which runs in thy veins and in this lineage shall thy seed be counted, it shall be thy lot to stand in the last days numbered with the horns of Joseph, who have received the holy Priesthood, and whose names shall become great in the earth, for they shall gather Israel and be the instruments in the hands of God, in building up the Zion of the last days, and thou shalt stand in thy lot and place, none shall take thy crown, and thy salvation shall be great, the sufferings and evils of thy former days shall not be remembered, for thou hast been a child of sorrow, and acquainted with grief, and thine enemies who have sought to despoil thee of thy goods, and rob thee of thy just rights, that hath made thy heart to mourn because of the wickedness of men, shall not prosper in their day and generation, their names shall be forgotten,

and thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of earth, and the blessings of heaven and all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom shall be upon thine head, and thy name shall not be forgotten because thou hast been true and faithful, all the day long, and the spirit of true wisdom shall be given thee, and thou shalt be guided and directed into all truth, and thine heart shall rejoice in this fulness of the Gospel of christ, and it shall be given thee to understand at all times, by day and night, even by visions and dreams, and no cunning devices, shall lead thee from the truth, for I bless thee in the name of the Lord Jesus christ, conferring upon you power and authority to seal, and bind every foul spirit, that may trouble thee, that thou mayest be comforted and blessed with great joy and blessings in the kingdom of heaven, that thy spirit may be free and thy soul delivered from bondage,

therefore increase thy courage dear Brother, for thou shalt be saved, and thy sins shall not be counted against thee, and the deeds of charity thou hast done because of the liberality of thy Soul, and heart shall give thee a pas[s]port into the everlasting kingdom of God thy days shall be lengthened [o]ut and thou shalt preside over thy family and many of thy father[']s house when thy Salvation is made complete, and in Zion shalt thou have an inheritance, and thou shalt live to see the fulfilment of much of this blessing upon thine head, for by the authority of the holy Priesthood, I seal it upon thee and if thou art faithful not one whit shall fail, but all shall be fulfilled, for a life that now is, and that which is to come is thine, and a slvation that is eternal and immortal I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sally C. Shelly on July 8, 1845]

City of Joseph 8 July 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Sally C Shelly daughter of Peter & Lydia Dillan born Guilford Co N. Carolina Augt 14th 1814

Beloved sister In the name of Jesus christ of Nazareth I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that in common with thy husband thou mayest be blessed, with the blessings of heaven that shall be upon thine head all the day long that thy last days shall be thy best days and that thy joy may be increased, that the suffering of the past may suffice, for thou hast been a child of sorrow, but it shall be said of thee, that thou are great and honored amongnst [amongst] many women and thy sorrows shall not increase upon thee, for better days are thine, and the past shall be forgiven, this blessing upon thy head dear sister, shall be truly descriptive of thy character for from thy childhood up, thou hast been a person of peculiar spirit, even the knowledge of the future, before they had taken place thou hast told them,

yet thou hast been troubled about many things and they have been pondered well in thy heart, the opening glories of this last dispensation hath been unfolded to thy view, yet by temptation it has been shut up again, and thy mind has become darkened by fears and doubts, that have arisen, yet thine unconquerable spirit has given thee power, thy faith and the prayers of thy companion hath preserved thee, and thy soul

and spirit yet lives, and thine heart aspires after the exaltation of the Saints, hard quest[ions] will be solved difficu[l]ties be removed out of the way, only put thy trust in God dear sister, and thou shalt see Zion arise and put on her beautiful garments and thy name shall be had in reverance [reverence] an[d] respec[t] among many people,

for as a Mother in Israel shalt thou be blessed and in Zion thy posterity shall gather around thee, and thou shalt preside over many, and none shall take thy place and if thou art faithful to the law of thy husband, not one whit of this blessing shal[l] fail and thou shalt be called the honored amongst women for more exalted glories await thee, than language can express, or has ever enter into the heart of man, what christ the righteous judge will give thee at his appearance, and all who love and keep his commandments, for with thy companion thy salvation is made complete, and with th[y] posterity and father[']s house shalt thou be perfected in glory, this Salvati[on] is sure and none can take it from thee, because thou art of Joseph['s] seed; of Royal decent, a daughter of Abraham and upon thy head I seal the blessing of eternal life, in the name of Jesus christ even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Miner Willcox on July 8, 1845]

Nauvoo City of Joseph July 8th 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Miner Willcox born in Norridge Franklin County Ohio 10th December 1834.

Little Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that shall last throughout thy day and generation, that thou mayest be numbered with the seed of the house of Israel, and thy mind be strengthened in the days of thy youth, so that in the days of greater maturity thou mayest do the work of a messenger of God, upon whom is conferred, and shall be upon thine head, the blessings of the holy Priesthood, for thou art of thy father[']s house and in the blessing of thy father is thy lineage made known, for thou art of his blood and unto thy father[']s house thou shalt prove a comforter, for thou shall do a great work in thy day, and the wisdom of heaven shall direct thy course, and the spirit of Elijah shall be upon thee, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,

for thou art one of the children of Abraham, and thy faith shall increase upon thee, and as a minister thou shalt stand forth, and proclaim the words of eternal life, thou shalt have power over diseases and to do many mighty miracles thy labors shall increase, and as a multitude shall the fruits thereof gather round thee, in thine old age and call thee blessed, yea a servant of the most high God, and thou shalt have great power in thy father[']s house to rebuke diseases and the spirit of council shall be upon thee and in great judgement shalt thou rule and reign and preside over the labors of thine own hands, if thou wilt be obedient in keeping all the commandments of God from this time all this blessing shall be fulfilled upon thine head and thou shalt be counted great because of thy talent and wisdom in thy day and generation and thou shalt be saved in Zion with all thy father[']s house, for I seal upon thy head all the blessings of a heavenly [ki]ngdom even the blessing of eternal life by the authority of the holy priesthood in the name of Jesus christ Even so. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of William C. Patten on July 8, 1845]

City of Joseph July 8th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of William C Patten son of John & Ann born Chester Co Pennsylvania 24th March 1799

Beloved brother. In the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon your head, to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that thy knowledge may be increased and thy understanding enlarged, and that thy Spirit may be comforted in times of affliction, for thou hast seen days of trouble and when there was none to comfort thee but thy God, thy Spirit has been borne down under afflictions in days that are past, because of evils,

and the conspiracy of wicked men, yet from their grasp thou has been delivered and when the bondage of Sectarian influences, had deprived thee almost of thy reason, thy Soul which has been aspiring, has burst through all these chains of bondage, and a light like the fulness of the Gospel of Christ has set thy captive Soul free and no longer to live under the influences and powers of wicked men priestcraft or religious bigotry for it has been peculiar to thy Spirit to reverence and esteem divine worship, this has brought thee to behold the glory of the latter dispensation,

and as the seed of Israel thy posterity shall be named, and as one of the sons of Joseph thou shalt be called for thou art of his household, of Abraham[']s Stock, and of the household of faith, this blessing then reveals unto thee dear Brother thy lineage for the [thy] fathers were of Royal Blood, they built temples, they administered sacrifices upon the altar [altar], they enjoyed the blessings and powers of the Holy Priesthood and by their promises thou art preserved and thy name shall be kept in everlasting remembrance and of thee shall come a numerous posterity they shall be as numerous as the sands on the seashore they shall call thee father and blessed and thou shalt preside over them as a king, and as a mighty prince thy Companion with thee and all of thy household and of thy father[']s house, they shall come and acknowledge thee as their Redeemer & Savior,

for thou shalt do a work in thy day that shall be great and glorious even the font of God shall bear witness and all the ordinances of his house shall truly unfold the deeds of charity thou hast done, for the sleeping dead must hear thy voice & thy works shall be truly praise worthy in bringing Salvation to them for in this lifetime it is appointed unto thee to labor and all thy works shall be recorded and in eternity thy work shall continue and it shall be said of thee thou art a man of power and thy glory shall be seen by the nations of the earth, in this probationary state and in the world to come shall it be, so be encouraged dear brother for the power and blessings of the Holy Priesthood are upon thine head and thou shalt live to see many days and enjoy much fruit and an inheritance in Zion shall be thine for ever and no power shall wrest it from thy hands in heaven earth or hell for I seal it upon thee according to the will & mind of God and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus [Jesus] Christ Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Jane Patten on July 8, 1845]

City of Joseph July 8th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Jane Patten daughter of John & Margaret Crouse supposed born in Canada June 31st 1822

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing, praying God my father in heaven to bless you, with a father[']s blessing, for as an orphan child, thou hast wandered and thy journey has been hard, friends have been scarce, when thrown upon a heartless world, but still God remembers his people, and guides them in mercy, and gathers them up from among the wicked, his eye has been upon thee in the multitude, and his Spirit has pointed thee out, and thou hast been taught by the same to leave Babylon, and gather with the Saints, and mingle with those who have been aforetime appointed of God, by which promises thou art numbered with the seed of Israel, a daughter of Abraham, made an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ, making known thy lineage through the loins of Ephraim, and as a polished shaft shalt thou stand and behold the glory of the last days, while thy name shall be numbered with the righteous ones, thy days lengthened out, and thy health increased upon the[e], and all the joys of the celestial kingdom in common with thy husband, I seal upon thine head, and thou shalt stand in thy lot and place according to the holy order of God, and in the kingdom of thy husband shalt thou have an inheritance, and none shall take thy place or crown, for all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom are thine, and thou shall be saved with a Salvation that is eternal & immortal, with Abraham & all holy Prophets for I seal this blessing upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Ann S. Rollins on July 8, 1845]

City of Joseph July 8th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Ann S Rollins daughter of Enock & Sophia born Bengal Penobscot Co Maine 5th March 1831

Beloved Sister Ann. I lay my hands upon your head to confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing, even the blessing of a father praying God that thou mayest be blessed in all thy days for thou hast a Spirit that is not peculiar to many and the liberality of thy Soul has formed to thee a character that shall never die, it has been thy desire to do right & keep the Commandments of God yet thou hast been troubled about many things that are past but thou shalt be delivered from them all thine heart has desired the Salvation of thy father[']s house and thy Soul has been quick to understand the things of God, it has been a pleasure to thee to think of them in times of thy secret retirement and upon thy pillow has thy Soul aspired after the greatness of this Salvation thy meditations in secret and in the dark hours of the night have been great and in the closet thy prayers have been poured out these have brought upon thee the blessings of heaven and increased thy strength the evils and past follies of thy youth hath not destroyed thy Reverence for divine things for holy men & prophets,

the opposition and persecution of a wicked world cannot retard thee from thy course for thy face is set like a flint and thine heart as an adamant stone towards Zion and thine afflictions cleaveth unto her and thine interest is her interest and thy Salvation is her Salvation and when she arises and puts on her beautiful garments thou shalt have a name in Zion that shall never fail, thy father[']s house shall honor thee. they shall never regret thy faith, but shall honor thee because of thy works, thy Sins shall not be remembered against thee and upon Zion's holy mount shalt thou stand in garments pure and white, with robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb and of Israel shall thy seed be counted of the tribe of Joseph and of the household of faith, thy father[']s house are of this lineage they have descended from honored and holy worthies men who bore the ark of the Covenant and were ordained unto the Holy Priesthood

therefore the promises made with Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob with the blessings and power of the Holy Priesthood are upon thy head according to the duties of thy calling in the church of Christ & shall be transferred upon the head of thy posterity for of thee also shall come a numerous people otherwise thou must suffer a reproach and cannot be numbered as the seed of Israel or counted as the daughter of Abraham this with many other blessings that cannot at this time be revealed I seal upon thy head all that is necessary of the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom to make thee happy in this world & exalt thee in the world to come for thou shalt rely upon one who is mighty, and he shall be thy deliverer and thy God shall be thy support and he will save thee with all thy father[']s house with a Salvation that is everlasting & immortal in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Abel Butterfield on July 9, 1845]

City of Joseph July 9th 1845. A blessing by William Smi[th] Patriarch upon the head of Abel Butterfield son of Alil & [illegible] born Franklin County Maine 1st Decr 1811

Beloved Brother, I lay m[y] hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ of Nazereth [Nazereth], to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, in which the promises that were made unto the fathers in days of old, may be confirmed on thine head, because thou art of the household of faith, and the seed of Abraham. and also an Ephraimite by blood, concerning which seed many promises [that] were made, even that of the Holy Priesthood which is after the power of an endless life which priesthood with all its attendant powers and blessing I confirm upon thy head for it shall continue throughout thy generations for thou art numbered with that family, that shall become numerous as the stars in the heavens, or sands upon the sea shore, and thy posterity a multitude shall come to Zion,

and thy name shall be great and glorious in their midst, and as a king shalt thou reign and as a mighty prince rule over many, thy father[']s house shall come bending unto t[hee] and they that have cast thee out, and rejected thy testimony in the labor of thy ministry shall acknowledge thee as the servant of the most high God and thy faith and diligence shall fill thy crown with stars and the labor of thy hands shall reward [reward] thee, with a glorious exaltation in the kingdom of God and as the fruits of thy labors shalt thou claim them, and thy rights none will dispute thy days shall be lengthened out unto thee thy labors are not yet done thou shalt visit other lands, the heathens shall be made to rejoice and the Lamanites shall hear thy voice, and the Gentiles will imagine vain things but they who are of Israel will be gathered as sheaves for the garner,

and thy name and thy works shall be called great, in the land, the powers and blessings of the spiritual kingdom are upon thee because thou [hast] been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief much of thy life has been filled up with trouble and disappointment, the wicked have done wickedly, and thine enemies have robbed thee of thy rights, they have ca[u]sed thee to mourn and suffer with want, but for all these sacrifices thou hast made, & thy labor of love thou shalt be rewarded fourfold in the kingdom of heaven and thy last days shall be thy best days, and the love and desire thou hast for the riches of eternity shall be more precious than [than] the oil that ran down Aaron[']s beard, or the dew on Mount Hermon and thou shalt see it and be satisfied, and the desires of thine heart shall be fulfilled for the salvation of Isreal [Israel] [illegible] thee even [even] a life that is everlasting in the world to come, by the authority of the h[o]ly Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Caroline Butterfield on July 9, 1845]

City of Joseph 9th July 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Caroline Butterfield daughter of James and Sabyl Sprout born Genesee Co New York 1st Jany 1810

Beloved sister, I lay my hand[s] upon your head to confer and seal upon you a father[']s blessing, being my office to bless the fatherless, this blessing will confirm upon thy head the promises that were made before by thy fathers, who were of the house of Israel and who had the power and authority to confer Patriarchal blessings, according to the Spirit of prophecy in them made known, by which the promises powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood have been handed down from days of old, and upon thy head it is now rewa[r]ded, and shall continue by proper ordinance & lineage upon the heads of thy posterity, throughout thy generations, for of thee shall come a numerous people, they shall be of Royal blood and hold the powers of the holy Priesthood, and as their Mother in Israel they shall gather round thee in Zion, when all thy posterity shall be numbered, they shall call thee the blessed of the Lord, the seed of the house of Israel, a daughter of Abraham, and of the househ[old] of faith and of Ephraim shall thy lineage be counted and with thy husband shall thy salvation be made complet[e], and with him thou shalt be made a partaker of all his blessings, and not one whit shall fail of all that is said of thee in this blessing,

for thy days shall be lengthened out, and in Zion thou shalt have an inheritance, thou shalt stand in thy lot, and none shall take thy place, knowledge and wisdom shall increase upon thee, and thy gl[o]ry shall be great, thou shalt be rewarded for thy labors and toils, and for all the sacrifices thou hast made, for thou hast been a child of sorrow, and in thy deep meditations thou hast been troubled about many things, although they have been in secret, yet thou hast pondered them well in thy heart, be comforted dear Sister, for the time is a coming when difficulties shall be removed out of the way, and hard questions solved for the Lord will make known unto thee his will in plainness, and his path shall be made straight, and thine heart shall be filled with that joy that is unspeakable and full of glory, and in thy lifetime shalt thou consider it, and in heaven thy soul shall be satisfied, for thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of the ear[th]

and [t]he heavens above, and thy salvation and crown none shall t[a]ke for I seal it upon thee, even a life which is everlasting that will never end by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Robert Boyd on July 9, 1845]

City of Joseph July 9. 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Robert Boyd son of Andrew & Jane born Beith Ayrshire Scotland 6th April 1819

Beloved brother — In the name of Jesus christ of Nazereth, I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing praying Almighty God to bless you, & to pour out his Spirit upon you, that the true knowledge of God may increase thine understanding, and comfort thee in all thy days that it may be truly said of thee that thou art a man of great wisdom and knowledge, that thy sins may not bring thee to sorrowing or afflict thy Soul with the pangs of death, it has been the pure mercies of God that has brought thee from a distant land, for he has watched over thee in the dark hours of the night, and thy way has been directed by his peculiar providence, and from death hath he preserved thee, and wafted thee safely through the storms, to a land of rest, the mount Zion, the city of God, the covenant of Abraham has searched thee out, for thou art of his seed,

and by the Spirit of God thou wast made known, and as one of the Remnants of Joseph, of whose blood thou art, thou hast been gathered in this last dispensation, and thy name and thy labors of Love and charity, shall, not be forgotten for in Zion thou shalt stand with the 144,000 saved with thy father[']s house, and with thy family, and many shall be brought who are yet out of the ark of safety, and partake of a share of thy Salvation with thee, and of the marriage feast of the lamb, it has been with great anxiety of mind and much trouble to this present time thou hast journeyed in the heavenly road this far. thy Spirit and courage shall increase upon thee and enemies shall not spoil thee of thy glorious crown, thou shalt live a [to] a good old age, thou shalt see Zion arise and put on her beautiful garments thou Shalt have an inheritance in her and thy Companion with thee, and thy Soul shall be comforted with joys that are unspeakable and full of glory and in humility and Love will the Spirit of God teach thee guide and direct thee, all the day long, and thy name and thy praise shall be great in the midst of the earth, and a Salvation that is eternal everlasting & immortal with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom, I seal upon thine head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ — Even so. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Margaret Boyd on July 9, 1845]

City of Joseph July 9th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Margaret Boyd daughter of John and Elizabeth McAlister born in Monchton Ayrshire Scotland 7 July 1819

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to confer upon you a father[']s blessing which shall continue throughout thy days and generation, & thy crown shall be great in the kingdom of heaven, for thou art one of the promised seed, yea a daughter of Abraham, and thy life shall be precious in his sight who is mighty and able to save, and all the day long shall he watch over thee by day and by night by visions and dreams will he teach thee the right way, and increase thy faith and knowledge thou art also of the household of Joseph, it has been the covenant that was made by the fathers, that thou hast been brought thus far on thy journey to Zion, for by the Spirit of God hast thou been made known among the Gentiles, and by its power in that covenant of grace as the seed of Israel, thou hast been gathered into the fold of Christ thy name shall be remembered with great joy in the house of thy friends,

for thy father[']s house shall gather round thee, and thy Soul shall be strengthened and thy Salvation

made complete, and no evil or foul Spirit shall deprive thee of this blessing, for in the kingdom of thy husband, it shall be said that thou art a Mother in Israel, and that thou art blessed above many women, that thou hast been fruitful, and thy reproach has been taken away in Zion also with thy companion thou shalt have much peace and happiness, and when temptations arise to entice thee from the faith, thou shalt have power given thee to triumph over every evil work, and to stand firm and unshaken, it shall be thy meat & drink to do the will of God, for the riches of eternity are thine, even the true riches of earth, and heaven, be encouraged then dear Sister for thy name is written in the lamb[']s book of life, and all thy Sins shall be blotted out, and in the temple of God shall thy name be written again and thou shalt stand in thy lot and place, and blessings that have never entered into the heart of man shall be thine, and even things at this time thou desireth and longeth after shall be given thee, for thou shalt have the desires of thine heart, and on earth and in heaven shall it be for by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ I seal upon your head dear Sister the blessing of eternal life. Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Dixon on July 10, 1845]

Nauvoo the city of Joseph 10th July 1845 A Blessing by William Smith upon the head of Mary Dixen Daughter of John and Mary born Cumberland Co England 11th April 1802.

Beloved sister, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth] to seal upon you a father[']s blessing that thine heart may rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel, for thy labors and t[oil] are not all in vain for thou shalt be rewarded fourfold in coming fr[om] a distant land to find an inheritance in Zion a land of promise that the Lord the righteous judge has given unto thee, to fulfil the promises made with Abraham Isaac and Jacob, because thou art of their descent, and of Joseph[']s seed who was sold into Egypt, and by the power & spirit of the everlasting covenant, hast thou been gathered up from Babylon, to be numbered with a righteous branch, who shall be the honored ones in this last dispensation, the desires of thine heart has been thus far gratifi[ed] in beholding the prosperity of Zion, for thou hast long looked for the time to come when Zion would put on her beautiful garments, and the pure church of christ arise in mighty beauty composed of a people of one spirit, of one heart, and of one mind, that oppression should no longer dwell in the land, and that love and union charity, and the gifts of the Gospel might characterize again professed saint, and pure and undefiled religion which is to visit the widow and the fatherless and to minister their necessities be again enjoyed upon the face of the earth the wisdom of heaven and the gift of the holy spirit shall be upon thee in all thy days

and thou shall rejoice much in the glory of Zion and when thou art faint and made weak through want and privations thou shalt be strengthened and raised up from beds of sickness, and in all thy house shalt thou be blessed as a Mother in Israel and a numerous posterity shall gather round thee in thine old age and call thee the blessed among women, and thine examples of virtue and loving kindness shall be written with fond remembrance on the hearts of many, and thy name shall never be forgotten, but thou shalt live to see the desires of thine heart all fulfill[ed] there thou shalt be satisfied with life, and thy spirit shall find rest, no [illegible] shall deprive thee of thy crown neither shall another take thy peace but in th[e] Resurrection morn shalt thou stand in thy lot, and all thy kindred with thee for this shall be thy salvation to dwell forever in the presence of God worl[ds] without end, for a salvation that is everlasting, and immortal I seal upon thine head, by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus chirst, even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Harriette Chandler on July 10, 1845]

Nauvoo City of Joseph 10th July 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Harriette Chandler daug[hter] of Joseph and Rosannah Bailey born Warwickshire England 4th June 1799

Beloved sister, I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing because thou art a daughter of Abraham, and of the household of faith, out of that Royal family to whom all the promises were made, concerning the gathering together of Israel in the last days, thy labors shall be remembered, and for obeying the voice of the spirit that commandeth thee to gather with the saints, thou art blessed with the glorious exaltation of God['s] people, and numbered with the seed of Joseph, of whose blood thou art, through the loins of Ephraim, & his blessing is upon thine head, even the blessings of earth, and of heaven, thy sins shall not be remembered against thee, neither shall they be written on a Book, but thy faithfulness and thy labors shall secure to thee a crown of everlasting life, and because thou hast come from a distant land and sacrificed this worlds goods, and thy home and country, relatives and friends, thou shalt be rewarded with an inheritance in Zion, and fathers and mothers and Brothers and sisters, shall be given unto thee and they who are enduring friends and now I bless thee dear sister, with a blessing that shall free thy heart with rejoicing, and that shall comfort thee in the times of thy afflictions for thou art a Mother in Israel and multitudes shall come of thee thy posterity shall become numerous on the face of the earth, and none shall be greater in thy place when thou art perfected in thy salvation;

and with great joy shalt thou behold the salvation of thy father[']s house, they shall come bending unto thee, and acknowledge the testimony thou hast borne, and all they of whom thou art an offspring shall honor thee as a daughter of Abraham and as a polished stone in the building of Zion, and every blessing that is necessary to make thee happy in this world and in the world to come, even all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom I seal upon thine head, for these are the blessings of Joseph upon the head of his posterity, and the powers of the holy priesthood are thine and confirmed upon thee, and thy seed after thee, and thou shalt have thy place in the own due time of the lord and in time thou shalt realize the fulfilment of a part of this blessings and in eternity all shall be made complete, and thy sorrows and pains and troubles shall all be swallowed up in the victory of the cross, for thou shalt be resurrected with the life that is new and a spirit and a body that is immortal and that shall never die and with a Salvation that shall never end, this blessing I seal upon thine head by the authority of the Holy priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Cook on July 11, 1845]

City of Joseph July 11th 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Elizabeth Cook daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Davis born Chester England abo[u]t 1810.

Beloved sister I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that thy knowledge may be increased and thine understanding enlarged, and that the spirit of God may be sealed upon thy head, that the desires of thine heart may be realized, and a father[']s blessing afford thee some comfort, that thy soul may rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel, for thou art a daughter of Abraham, of the seed of Josep[h] and of the household of faith, thy days shall be long in the land, and thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion, thy health increase upon thee, and none shall be greater in the kingdom of God in their place, and as one of the bright stars in the constellation of heaven thou shalt shone forth, and it shall be said of thee, that thy glory is great, thy sins are forgiven the[e] and thou shalt be comforted, and the spirit of wisdom and knowle[dge] shall be upon thee, even the riches of the earth and the true riches of heaven and thy sorrows and thy afflictions which have been many, shall be rewarded with tenfold joys upon thy head, and it shall be thy blessing to know and understand the will of God concerning thee, be guided and directed in all thy life-time and the spirit of wisdom with the comforter, which is the gift of the holy Ghost, and thou shalt be saved and thine enemies shall not prevail against thee,

for thou hast been a person of peculiar spirit and thy soul has longed to see this day and the [illegible] of the Saints; the desires of thine heart shall be fulfilled, and thy name shall be written in a Book and depos-

ited in the archives of the temple, and by means of thy faith in the fulness of the Gospel, the integrity and honesty of thine heart, none shall know the extent of thy joys extent of thy joys,³ except those who become a partaker of thy blessings, thy salvation is sure and if thou art faithful in keeping all the commandments of God, thou shalt have power over every device of satan, and to understand the plots and plans of thy enemies, for they shall be brought to shame, and their names forgotten, when thine is remembered forever and no power on earth or under the earth can change this decree, for it is of almighty God and a salvation that is eternal, and immortal I seal upon thine [head] in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lorenzo A. Quick on July 11, 1845]

City of Joseph July 11th 1845 A Blessing of William Smith Patriarch on the head of Lorenzo A Quick son of Peter and Elizabeth born Sussec County New Jersey 2d July 1813.

Beloved Brother I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall be truly descriptive of thy character, an[d] pourtray [portray] to thee, thy future prospects, for thou art of the seed of the house of Israel, and a descendant of Joseph, who was sold into Egypt, unto whose seed promises were made, of the powers and blessings of the holy Priesthood, that was to be continued on that posterity throughout all generations, a Priesthood that is after the power of an endless life and upon thine head the promises that were made to the fathers are now confirred [conferred], and none shall be made more glorious or more exalted in the kingdom of God, in their place,

thou shalt be saved with a glory celestial and in a mansion prepared for thee, before the foundation of the world and around thee to the great joy of thine heart thy father[']s house shall be gathered and they of thine own household, for no power shall wrest from thy hands that which is given thee of God, then shalt thou understand the wisdom and knowledge of God, and even the mysteries that pertain to the glory of the third heavens, which is not lawful for man to utter, because they are like pearls, and if they were cast forth, they would be trampled under the feet of men, but thy spirit shall live amidst all the conflicts of this life and thou shalt have power given thee of God, discearn [discern] between the wicked and the righteous, to save them that will cleave unto thee, with an honest and pure heart, and in righteousness shalt thou judge, and in mercy shall thy feet be guided, and because of the honesty and integrity of thy heart, no devise of satan shall ensnare thy soul, or bring thee into bondage to the will of men, the days of thy greatest troubles are past, better days are thine thou shalt see Zion prosper and put on her beautiful garments, thy domestic enjoyments shall increase, in Zion thou shalt have an inheritance and be numbered with the one hundred and forty four thousand on Mount Zion with garments pure and white, and the time shall come when thou shalt sit down in the temple of God and count up the history of thy generations and numbered all thy posterity, for they are of Israel and they shall be as numerous as the sands on the sea shore,

thy name with theirs shall be recorded on sacred Reckords [Records] and the names of thy forefathers shall be made known and thou shalt receive an enduement [endowment] in the temple, and thy labors shall not be gotgotten, and even the Baptismal font shall bear Record of thy labor of love, in behalf of kindred, Spirits who are gone, and the time is coming when the dead shall hear thy voice. spirits in prison shall hear it and [they] shall rejoice and exclaim the time of their deliverance has come, thy labors shall contin[ue] to increase upon thee, and in that it shall be more ful[l]y made known, for thou shalt stand as a savior on Mount Zion in the last days, with the blessing of Abraham upon thy head, with the joys of an eternal Salvation, in the society of kindred spirits who have gone before for this blessing and salvation, I seal upon thine head head in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

3. The words "extent of thy joys" are repeated.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Quick on July 11, 1845]

City of Joseph 11th July 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Elizabeth Quick daughter of Moses and Martha Alle[n] born in the Township of Sussex sussex County New Jersey August 7th 1818.

Beloved sister, I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s bless[ing] it being my office to bless the fatherless, for thou hast been as an orphan child fro[m] the days of thy youth, and as a pilgrim stranger in the land, many hath been the toils, troubles, and afflictions of thine heart, in former days, and the world ha[s] not known thy spirit, neither have they understood thy thoughts, for thy meditat[ions] has been in secret, and in the closet hast thou made known thy troubles to thy God, thy soul has aspired after a greater fulness of glory until in Zion, thou ha[th] found a resting place, the desires of thine heart thus far have been fulfilled, for thou hast been delivered from the bondage of Satan, even from the traditions of thy fathers,

and when the spirit of the world has swallowed thee up, it has been by a miracle that thy life has been preserved, and that thy Spirit yet lives but because thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the Royal seed, for a wise purpose thou hast been preserved, and the everlasting covenant has gathered thee with the children of Zion, as the seed and posterity of Joseph, whose scattered Remnants are made known, among the Gentiles and their offspring among the nations, but according to the promises made by the fathers they should come from the East West North, and South, upon litters and mules and the ships of Tarshish, shoul[d] bring them, and their Silver and their gold with them, they shall bring the fir tr[ee] the pine tree, and the box tree, to beautify the sanctuary of the Lord and make the place of his feet glorious, then shall Zion become the joy of the whole earth and thine inheritance shall be made sure unto thee, and the law of the cele[stial] kingdom, by which thou art exalted and saved, if thou wilt abide in this world shall by thy theme and glorious exaltation in the world to come,

so be comfort[ed] dear sister, put away all the vanities of thy mind, resist the evil one and he will flee from thee, and if thou wilt be subject to the law of thy husband, who is thy companion for life and in eternity, not one whit of this blessing shall fail, for all thy sins are forgiven thee, but let thine heart cleave unto him who is thy support here on earth and who shall be thy companion forever, and in thy God put thy trust he shall bear thee off as a mighty conqueror, and as a Queen shalt thou reign and none to [illegible] of the celestial kingdom and let thy heart cleave unto him who has been thy solace and protector in times that are past, thy glory must fail and another succeed in thy place, but if thou wilt give heed to the teachings of the Spirit, the great goodness of God will lead thee to salvation, and thy soul shall be exalted forever, and none shall take thy place, but thou shalt stand in thy lot, and with thy companion partake of a Salvation with all thine household, with thee that is everlasting, immortal, and eternal, and none of all the stars in the bright firmament on high shall outshine thee, in thy glory, but with Angels and seraphines [seraphs] to sing the exalted glory of thy God forever and ever worlds without end and, which Blessing I seal upon thine head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Jerome M. Benson on July 11, 1845]

City of Joseph July 11 1845. A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Jerome M. Benson son of Benjamin & Heziah born Ontario Co New York 5th November 1810

Beloved brother. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of the Lord Jesus christ, to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, and one that shall be truly descriptive of thy character, and of thy future prospects, for thou art numbered with the covenant seed of promise, and in this blessing thy lineage shall be made known, and all the promises that were made by the Ancient Prophets and Patriarchs concerning their seed

and posterity, is now confirmed upon thy head, because thou art of the seed of Joseph, and of the household of faith, and the honesty and integrity of thine heart, has brought thee thus far to behold the glory of Zion, and her cause has been thy cause and her Salvation has been thy Salvation, & with true fidelity of heart hast thou labored by night & day, to build up the kingdom of God on the face of the earth

and with thy bretheren [brethren] thou hast been willing to Share in the toils, the troubles & afflictions that has come upon them, for this cause thy Sins are forgiven thee and thy labor shall be rewarded with fourfold joys upon thine head, and after many days shalt thou consider it for every whit of this blessing shall be fulfilled upon thine head, for it is the decree of thy fathers before thee even Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob for their blessings are upon thy head, the blessings of Joseph, an inheritance on the earth, the fruits thereof, and the blessings of heaven: – thy name shall be remembered, and thy moral worth shall never be forgotten and thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion, and thy family with thee, and many of thy father[']s house shall gather around thee, & thy kingdom shall be great, and if thou wilt obey the celestial law thy dominion shall be enlarged, thy friends shall gather with thee, and thy household shall see the glory of Zion, understand the powers privileges and blessings of the Holy Priesthood, and rejoice in it,

thou art appointed unto a glorious work, thy priesthood shall never fail upon thine head, for it has been decreed upon thy posterity from before the foundation of the world, the glory and power thereof is thine and none can hinder, thy voice shall yet be heard in distant lands, and as the trumpet of the Gospel it shall fall with delight upon the ears of many and when thou art laden with Sheaves thou shalt return to Zion to thine own household and if thou wilt rule in judgement and in mercy, thine own household shall gather around thee as their prince their Savior & their deliverer, and thou shalt preside over many, and great shall be thy Salvation for I seal upon thine head the blessing of eternal life, the blessing of wisdom knowledge power & a glorious exaltation at the right hand of God and in fine all the Spiritual blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that is necessary to make thee happy in this world and to stand as a Savior on Mount Zion with a Salvation that is everlasting and immortal in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Benson on July 11, 1845]

City of Joseph July 11 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Mary Benson daughter of George & Susannah Roads born Ross Co Ohio 2d July 1812

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, numbering thee with the daughters of Abraham, because of the integrity of thine heart and thy joys and thy comforts shall increase upon thee and thy faith shall make thee whole, and none shall be made more exalted in their place in the kingdom of God because of thy truth and fidelity towards thy husband & thy God and it shall be said of thee that thou art blessed among many women, thy name shall be remembered and extolled in the earth

and Angels shall watch over thee with administration and delight and Angels shall be given in charge concerning thee, and they shall be thy guardian care; — by Visions [Visions] and by dreams their presence shall instruct thee, for their Spirits shall prove thy Comforter, and it shall teach thee many things, thy days shall be lengthened out to behold the glory of Zion, when she puts on her beautiful garments and shines forth like the sun, in her meridian glory, and the desires of thine heart shall all be fulfilled, and if thou wilt obey the law of thy husband, thy glory shall be his glory and thy Salvation Shall be his Salvation, and unto him shalt thou cleave with all thine heart. and in judgement shall his ways be directed and in mercy shall thy feet be guided, and great shall be thy reward, and thy Salvation sure thou art of the stock of Abraham and of the tribe of Joseph

none shall take thy place or crown, for thou shalt stand in thy lot and be made a sharer with thy

Companion of the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood, and even that celestial exaltation in the kingdom of heaven where as a Mother in Israel thou shalt preside over many, and thy children that shall gather around thee shall call thee blessed, and many of thy father[']s house shall come. therefore be comforted dear Sister, for thou hast a work to do in the temple of God and the Baptismal font shall bear record of thy labour of love, and the dead shall hear thy voice and they who are now in the Spiritual world shut up in prison, shall be brought into a kingdom with thee, and thine heart shall be made glad for they that are lost are found and thy glory & thy Salvation is made complete, then shalt thou understand the heights & depths of the wisdom of God, thou shalt receive strength to keep thee from temptations, and preserve thee for all of these blessings, and great shall be thy Salvation in heaven for I seal it upon thee even a life everlasting a Salvation that is eternal & immortal that shall never end by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Isabella McAlister on July 11, 1845]

City of Joseph July 11 — 1845 — A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Isabella McAlister daughter of Thomas & Isabella Clark born Armagh Co Ireland about 1812

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazereth, to seal upon you a father[']s blessing that thou mayest be blessed throughout all thy day and generation, that the blessings conferred by the Prophets may now be confirmed upon thy head, and that which has been lost may be found again, and numbered with the seed of the house of Israel, for in a cloudy and dark day have they been scattered, and their seed is made known among the Gentiles and their offspring among the nations, and by the fulfilment of the promises made unto the fathers, thou art remembered in the last dispensation, and by the everlasting covenant thou art gathered from among the Gentiles, the Spirit of God making known unto thee, the fulness of the Gospel has inspired thine heart to gather with the Saints numbering thee with the household of faith, and with the daughters of Abraham, in this therefore thy lineage is made known, as a descendant of Joseph, through the loins of Ephraim,

for all this seed must be gathered up in the last days, and receive their inheritance in the land of promise, and no power shall deprive thee of that glory, for which thou hast labored hard, for in much affliction hast thou left the land of thy nativity and journeyed to this place, and for all thy troubles, sacrifices and toils which hath been many thou shalt be rewarded with a celestial crown, and an inheritance in Zion that shall never fail, and with thy husband shalt thou be made a Partaker of all his joys, his Salvation shall be thine, and thine heart shall cleave unto him, for thou has been true and faithful all the day long, and thy days shall also be lengthened out,

and it shall be said of thee thou art blessed among many women, and they shall call thee blessed, and as a Mother in Zion thou shalt be praised because of thy good works, and thou shalt live to see the fulfilment of much of this blessing, and thy kingdom shall be great and thy Salvation sure, and thy father[']s house shall also gather round thee, in the kingdom of heaven, and none shall be made more glorious for thy Salvation shall be made complete, and in common with thy husband. I seal upon thine head all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom, the glories and powers of the Holy Priesthood, as far as thy right with all the privileges that is therein made known this is necessary for thy happiness in this world & thy exaltation in the world to come by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Walter McAlister on July 11, 1845]

City of Joseph July 11 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Walter McAlister son of James & Margaret born parish of Newry County Down Ireland About 1814

Beloved brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal a father[']s blessing upon thee, it being my office to bless the fatherless, praying God my heavenly father to seal instructions upon thine heart, to remember thee in mercy, and not in judgement, that thy last days may be thy best days, for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with many have not known thy Spirit, neither have they known thy troubles, thy Soul has been bowed down with sorrow and grief, it has not been a father[']s care, that fostered thee in former years, but as an orphan child, a pilgrim and a stranger on the earth like Abraham of old, thou hast been a sojourner for a better country & home thy unconquerable Spirit & desire for liberty and knowledge, has brought thee to a promised land, & thy kindred & thy home that was sacredly near to thy heart thou hast been willing to sacrifice for the glory of Zion & for the Salvation of Israel[']s God & for all these toils and sacrifices thou hast made, thou shalt be numbered with the honored ones,

and thy name shall not be forgotten but with Joseph[']s remnants shalt thou be saved, for thou art of that Royal family and of his noble blood and of his seed shalt thou be counted, for the blood of Joseph runs in thy veins and the blessings of Jacob pronounced on his son Joseph are thine even the blessings of Abraham & Issac [Isaac] and all the holy Prophets. Let thine heart be comforted dear brother, for the days of thy greatest afflictions are past, & better days are thine Angels shall be given in charge concerning thee their presence shall guide thee by day and night, and by Vissions [Visions] & dreams shalt thou be comforted, thy prosperity temporally and Spiritually shall increase upon thee, and thou shalt hear the voice of Joseph, he shall come as thy deliverer and say that thou art welcome to Zion. great blessings are thine laid up in store for thee,

thou shalt be blessed in all thy days, and none shall take thy crown, & because of the contrition of thy Soul, the humility of thine heart, thou shalt be exalted high, & none shall be considered more glorious in their place, when thy Salvation is made complete, thy days shall be lengthened out and thy health shall increase & thy body be invigerated and the time shall come when it shall be thy duty to be baptized in the Baptismal font and for thy father[']s house that they may be brought into the kingdom with thee, and they shall hear thy voice and thou shalt stand as their Sav[i]or upon mount Zion, and when thou comest into thy kingdom, they shall gather round thee and say thou art our deliverer, then will they give praise and honor to the God of their Salvation, then shalt thou exclaim my father, my mother, my brothers, & all my father[']s household for they shall be saved with thee and thy joy shall be made full, and it shall come & not one whit of this blessing shall fail for I seal it upon thee with the blessing of eternal life in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Priscilla Mogridge on July 11, 1845]

City of Joseph July 11 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Priscilla daughter of John & Mary Mogridge born Widbrook Wilkshire England March 11, 1822

Beloved Sister I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing praying God that his Spirit may may rest upon thee that thou mayest receive strength and by faith be increased. that no cloud of darkness may becloud thy Spirit and throw a gloom of despondency over thee that all thy sins may be forgiven, and no power ensnare thy Soul or disturb thy peace by night or day but as the daughter of Abraham and of that stock to whom the more precious promises were made the blessings of heaven are thine and also the blessings of earth for this is the blessing of Jacob upon the head of his posterity for thou art of the lineage of Joseph, a descendant of that mighty prophet & Patriarch & unto thee it is given to be numbered with the chosen ones and of that elect number which according to the purposes of God must stand upon Mount Zion arrayed in garment pure with that multitude that shall come up through great tribulation with their robes washed white in the blood of the lamb, this shall be thy blessing,

for as an orphan child thou hast wandered among strangers and far from the land of thy home in

search of a city out of sight whose builder and maker is God. a land of promise to join with the Saints, and in Zion to find rest to thy Soul, and it shall be given thee to understand by the Spirit of God for truly thou shalt be guided in wisdoms ways and thy justification shall be of him who is mighty to save, and of thy God whose commandments thou hast obeyed and him to whom thou shalt look for instructions here on earth, he shall be given thee who is a friend indeed, and none shall take thy crown but the desires of thine heart shall be fulfilled

and if thou art faithful and continue in faith and in diligence [diligence] the fountain of knowledge shall be open to thy understanding and all dark and mysterious questions shall be explained, & thy name shall be remembered in the Records of Israel and thou shalt rejoice when the fulness of their glory is brought in, and in Zion thou shalt have an everlasting home and all thine enemies shall be disappointed and thou shalt triumph over the power of the Devil and all his cunning devices and in peace and harmony shalt thou walk the streets of Zion in days to come, for thy days shall be lengthened out, and in old age shall thy Soul and body rest in peace, and in the Resurrection thou shalt come forth to shine with the bright luminaries of heaven, and not one jot of this blessing shall fail for I seal it upon thy head by the power and authority of the Holy Priesthood even a life which is everlasting and that shall never end in the name of Jesus Christ Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Husbands on July 12, 1845]

City of Joseph July 12th 1845. A Blessing A Blessing [sic] by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Sarah Husbands daughter of John and Hannah born chester County Penna 28th June 1826.

Beloved sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing praying God my heavenly father to bless you and seal instruction upon thine heart and preserve thee by his almighty power from the evils and temptations, the power of sin and satan, that thy days may be lengthened out, and thy joys increase upon thee, for as thou art numbered with the seed of the house of Israel, and as a daughter of Abraham, and of the household of faith, thou shalt be blessed, according to the promises of God, made to the fathers which promises are handed down to thee because thou art one of the elect according to the purpose of God, which he purposed in himself b[e]fore the foundation of the world, that a remnant should be saved, and they who are of the seed of Abraham, should obtain the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood, sealed upon them, by which they are saved, for whatsoever is bound on earth by this authority is bound in heaven, and whatsoever is sealed on earth is sealed in heaven for this cause thou art remembered in that covenant of grace the atonement of christ and his blood will bring to pass thy redemption and the resurrection of the body from death to life, and thou shalt live and thy soul and body shall enjoy life and that life which is everlasting,

thy name shall be remembered with the multitude of Israel, and shall be handed down to posterity, & it shall be written upon the hearts of many with fond remembrance because of thy moral worth and the integrity of thine heart as a Mother in Isreal [Israel], a numerous posterity shall call thee blessed, for of thee shall come a numerous peopl[e] who shall be mighty and strong in their day and generation, and thou shalt have an inherit[ance] in Zion, and the desires of thine heart shall all be fulfilled and if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God thy salvation is sure and no power shall wrest it from thee or take away thy crown and the time is a coming when greater blessing[s] will be poured out upon thy head and thine exaltation shall be great thou shalt be numbered with the honored ones in the mansion of glory prepared for thee, and thou shalt trust in one who is mighty and able to save and unto thee shall be given a friend on whom shall be confer[r]ed the powers of the Holy Priesthood and he shall be thy deliverer and thy God, shall be thy support, the crooked paths shall be made straight and the spirit of truth shall guide and direct

thee all the day long for thou art numbered with Joseph['s] seed and the blessings of salvation are upon thee, which Blessing I seal and confirm upon thy head and not one whit shall fail, but shall all be fulfilled in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Smith on July 12, 1845]

City of Joseph July 12th 1845 A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Samuel Smith son of Daniel & Sibyl born Bennington Co Vermont 11 July 1785

Beloved brother — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a blessing that is purely Patriarchal, according to the holy order of God, handed down by Prophets & Patriarchs from days of old, because thou art of their lineage, of the household of faith, of the seed of Abraham and of the tribe of Joseph, and the blood of the Royal seed runs in thy veins according to the purposes of God, and thy glory shall not fail, & thy Salvation is sure for the Lord will have mercy upon thee, and all the Sins of thy former life will be forgiven, for the deeds of charity thou has done and the liberality of thy Soul, and the love thou hast had for the cause of Zion, and the goodly desires thou hast had to prosper, & see her built up in the land, thy name shall be great in the midst of the house of Israel & for all the troubles & toils thou hast had

for thou hast went through deep affliction, & suffered much persecution & made many sacrifices for the Salvation of the Church, & thine own household and for all this thou shalt be rewarded, & none shall take thy crown or place, but in Zion thou shalt yet have an inheritance, and thy children shall gather round thee, and thou shalt be called blessed in all thy household, and in judgement and mercy shalt thou rule and preside over them for thou art of that stock to whom belongs the Holy Priesthood, the blessings and powers of the same are upon thy head and shall continue upon the he[a]ds of thy posterity and with that number that shall come up thro great tribulation, thy name shall be written &, thou shalt stand on mount Zion with the multitude of all the nations that shall be gathered in the day of God['s] visitation,

then shalt thou see the glory of Zion and the blessings of Almighty God shall rest upon thy head thy days shall be lengthened out, and the days of thy greatest troubles are past thy last days shall be thy best days, and thou shalt be delivered from the hands of thine enemies and them that seek to ensnare thee, for the wisdom of God shall be given unto thee and by his Spirit shalt thou be guided and after many days thou shalt return to Zion again and thy joy shall be full and altho enemies may rage and the devil may seek to overthrow thee yet thy Salvation shall be made complete & thy inheritance sure with thy family around thee, for I seal thee up to eternal life even a Salvation that is immortal & shall never end by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ A[me]n

[Patriarchal blessing of Richard Simcock on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Richard Simcock son of Richard and born Staffordshire England 25th December 1816.

Beloved Brother, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of the holy child Jesus, to seal upon you by the authority of the Holy Priesthood a Patriarchal blessing one that shall be thy comfort in days to come, because of the things therein revealed for it shall prove thy Salvation, and thine heart shall respond with joy to the God of heaven for great shall be thy salvation when thou hast understood more perfectly the fulness of the Gospel, for unto thee it shall be appointed in time to come to raise thy voice and proclaim the Gospel to many people, and in the temple when it is finished, thou shalt realize thy fondest anticipations, for the desire of thine heart shall be fulfilled, thou shalt see Zion prosper and in her shalt have an inheritance, and be numbered with the promised seed of the house of Israel, and it shall [be] truly said of thee, that thou hast come up great tribulation and washed thy robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb

and with the one hundred and forty four thousand shalt thou be numbered, as one of the seed of Joseph, whose blood [blood] runs in thy veins

and from this time forth thou shalt receive strength, thy faith and knowledge shall increase, and by Visions and dreams shalt thou be guided, and by the spirit of truth shalt thou be comforted, for Angels have been given charge concerning thee, and the spirit of thy fathers are thy guardian care, they watch over thee when thou art asleep and in thy waking moments, they protect thee from harm and from accident, thou shalt live to a good old age to see the glory of God and the final exaltation of the Saints, and in peace shalt thou walk the streets of Zion, and triumph over all thine enemies, and all they of thy household shall be in subjection to thy law and great shall be their reward, for thou shalt preside over them, and over many in the kingdom of immortal glory, none of this blessing shall fail, but shall all be fulfilled for I seal it upon thy head with all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom, powers and privileges of the holy Priesthood, by the authority of the office of Patriarch and in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal Blessing of James Bailey on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14th 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jame[s] Bailey son of Joshua and Susannah born New Hampshire [Hampshire] Hillsborough Co. 29th July 1815

Dear Brother. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth] to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, being my office to bless the fatherless, for it truly has been the integrity of thy heart, and the peculiar providence of God, that has preserved thee to this present time for as an orphan child without the protection of parents, thou hast been thrown upon a merciless world, thy father and mother although dead and now sleeping in the grave, yet their Spirits live and mingle with the just around the throne of God, and their eyes are upon thee, and over all their children, they have been appointed as ministering Spirits to those who should be heirs of Salvation, and have thy guardian care, it is their presence that has comforted thee, and lifted thee up in times of trouble, and preserved thee from sickness and death and keep thee from many accidents and although thy fortune has been hard and in times past suffered much grief through sickness, through the loss of property and friends, yet these days shall cease, better days are thine, and thou shalt be prospered temporally and spiritually, and as a mighty warrior [warrior], shalt thou go forth in time to come and fight for the cause of Zion, not with carnal weapons, but with the spirit of truth,

and thy voice shall be heard as the voice of young lions that maketh the forest to tremble, that cometh up from the thicket in search of their prey, and the great men of the earth shall hear thy voice and fear and tremble for thou art called and chosen, and unto thee shall be appointed to administer in lands that are far off, and among many people, for the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood are thine sealed upon thy head, and upon the heads of thy posterity after thee for thou art of that Royal descent, unto whom God made promises to our father Abraham and in this seed shall thou be called. and blessed with the Holy Priesthood for none other seed hath obtained it according to the purpose of God, and the election of his grace descending from Joseph, whose blood runs in thy veins, thou shalt receive all the exaltation of the saints of the latter days, and none shall take thy crown or place, for thou shalt be true and faithful and therefore I seal the blessing of a Salvation upon thine head that is everlasting and shall never end by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Thomas Green on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph 14th July 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Thomas Green son of Edward and Jane born cheshire England January 27th 1802.

Beloved Brother. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a fa-

ther['s blessing, one that shall be descriptive of thy character and future prospects, that thy sorrows and troubles may not increase upon thee but that thy last days may be thy best days, and the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood be upon thy head, and upon the heads of thy posterity, because of the promises made unto the fathers concerning the house of Isreal [Israel] that they should be a peculiar people, a holy nation and a Royal Priesthood, and it is because of thy lineage, descending from the tribe of Joseph that thou, art one of the elect according to the purposes of God whose purposes and decrees are unalterable and must continue foreve[r] therefore thy sins shall not be counted against thee, but for thy labors and afflictions thou hast suffered and sacrifices thou hast made. in coming from a distant land, in leaveing [leaving] thy home and country to join with the saints, to build up Zion,

thy name shall be written in heaven and thou shalt be rewarded fourfold for all thou hast done, and the sacrifices thou hast made thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion, and in the temple of God there thou shalt count up the history of thy generations, and the names of thy fathers shall be made known unto thee, up to the time their priesthood was lost and unto them thou shalt prove a Saivior [Savior] on Mount Zion, it is appointed unto thee dear Brother to do a work in the Baptismal font, after thou hast received thine enduement [endowment] by means of which Salvation shall be carried to the spirits in prison and unto them shall the Gospel be preached that they may be judged according to men in the flesh, and the time is coming when they shall hear thy voice and come forth unto life everlasting one other blessing I seal upon thy head, that is this, thou shalt be blessed with the powers of the Holy Priesthood and the blessings of the spiritual kingdom by means of which thou shalt preside over many and prove a Savior to thy father['s house and they shall gather round thee in the kingdom of God and thy salvation shall be made complete and none shall take thy crown or place for I seal the blessings of eternal life on thy head evan [even] a salvation which is everlasting and an inheritance that shall never fail by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Anthony Gallaspy on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Anthony Gallaspy son of Anthony & Mary born Connaght Ireland 22d February 1820

Beloved brother — It is with feelings of love and esteem and in obedience to the duties of my calling I lay my hands on your head to seal upon you a father['s blessing. one that shall be descriptive of thy future prospects praying God Almighty to bless you to instruct you and give you wisdom, and by the outpourings of his holy Spirit bear record of thy mission, prosper thee in the work of thy priesthood, and give thee success in thy undertakings, and if thou wilt put thy trust in God, thou shalt be wafted with speed over many waters. And thou shalt see the Salvation of Israel['s God in the labor of thy ministry and whatsoever thou shalt put thy hands to do, thy sins at this time are not counted against thee because of thy prayers and faithfulness, and the integrity of thy heart, for thy past labors and afflictions for the cause of Zion has born a glorious testimony for thee, and thou art judged worthy of eternal life and thy household with thee,

times to come it shall be a pleasure to thee to think of thy past life with delight shalt thou count over all thy sufferings and with joy shalt thou sit down in the kingdom of God, and in the temple when it is finished thou shalt enjoy many blessings, and understand much of the fulness of the Gospel thy name shall be had in everlasting Remembrance upon the records of the house of Israel deposited in the archives of the temple, then shalt thou know and understand thy lot and place with all thy posterity, and thy progenitors and as one of the horns of Joseph, shalt thou stand and administer and preside over many people and thou shalt carry Salvation to many who are living and to many who are dead,

for thou art of that Royal stock upon whom the power of the Holy Priesthood belongs, a descen-

dant of Joseph and of the seed of Abraham and the blessings of health & of earth with long life and also the blessings of heaven, and none shall take thy crown or place for thou shalt live to see Zion prosper, put on her beautiful garments and become the joy of the whole earth, and thou shalt return unto her many times thy life shall be precious in the sight of God and thy family with thee, with all thy father[']s house around thee in the own due time of the Lord thou shalt have an inheritance in her even the City of God that shall become the joy of the earth and the glory of the last days and this blessing I seal upon thine head with all the blessings powers and privileges of the Holy Priesthood with a Salvation that is everlasting in the name of Jesus christ — Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Margaret Gallaspy on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Margaret Gallaspy daughter of Aaron & Mary Wilkison born Northumberland Co Penna 13 Nover 1815

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus of Nazereth I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing. one that shall prove unto thee a comfort and reveal unto thee thy lineage and seal upon thine head the rights belonging to thy posterity which are thine handed down from the fathers that the powers rights and privileges belonging to the house of Israel may not be lost from thee or from thy house but that in thy posterity thou mayest be blest even to the latest generation, and thy reward sure, for as the daughter thou shalt stand in thy lot and place and as the seed of Joseph shall thy lineage be counted, for from him by blood thou hast inherited a Patriarchal blessing, rights and privileges belonging to the church of christ entitled to the holy Spirit of promise,

and in thy house with thy companion thou shalt have peace and with him shalt thou be appointed to do a great work and be a sharer of his priesthood, it shall be thy hope and thy joy to see Zion prosper and altho thy days are numbered they are lengthened out, & thy years shall not fail until thou hast been satisfied with life and in Zion thou shalt have an everlasting inheritance, none shall take thy crown or place and in the temple thou shalt have a more perfect knowledge of thy Salvation for there shall the fulness of the Gospel be revealed unto thee and thy joys shall be increased & thy faith strengthened and many other blessings shall be revealed that cannot know at this time be told thee, and thou shalt understand when they come to pass for all things shall be explained in the own due time of the Lord and be revealed on the housetops and as one that cometh up through great tribulation thou shalt stand on [M]ount Zion in the last days with garments pure and white thy family and friends around thee, then shalt thou receive a reward of all thy toils and afflictions, and no power shall wrest this Salvation from thee for I seal it upon thy head even a Salvation that is everlasting eternal and immortal that shall never end in the name of Jesus Christ — Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Horace B. Owens on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14, 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Horace B. Owens son of James C and Abigail C born Mercer Co Penn 23d June 1819

Beloved brother. In the name of Jesus christ of Nazereth I lay my hands upon your head and bless you with a father[']s blessing for it shall be thy lot to stand in the latter day on the earth and see the kingdom of God established in mighty power to behold thee [the] work of God prosper in the land and to have thy name written with the just, and thy Spiritual strength shall be renewed from this time, until thou shalt see this blessing fulfilled upon thy head, for because of the faithfulness of thy heart and thy goodly desires to see Zion prosper it shall be given thee to see many days and to behold the gathering together of the house of Israel in this last dispensation for they shall come as clouds & doves to their windows, and as one of the messengers to help to do this work thou art called and chosen and the blessing of the holy ministry are thine.

dear Brother. let not thy heart fail thee neither be thou discouraged for altho thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, for thou hast endured much, and if the history of thy past life was unfolded; it would reveal tales of grief and sorrow that is not peculiar to many, it appears to me at this time, that such has been the condition of thy life in former times that thou hast been borne down under the load of affliction, that has caused thee to grieve but it shall be thy lot for the future to enjoy better days for the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom are thine, and all the blessings pronounced by Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob are upon thy head as one of the household of faith belonging to that Royal seed to whom the promises were made, thy glory shall never fail, neither shall the blessings of the Holy Priesthood, for thou art of Joseph[']s seed and of his remnants shalt thou be gathered into Zion, to enjoy an everlasting inheritance there,

and it shall be given thee to understand the fulness of the Gospel, to number thy posterity and count up the names of thy fathers to be recorded in sacred histories, and the fontt [font] of God must bear testimony of thy labors for thy work is not yet done, thy Salvation is not yet complete but the Holy Ghost the Comforter shall teach you and lead you into all truth and when thy labor is finished in other lands, the Lamanites shall rejoice in thy ministry & thou shalt come laden with many sheaves & sit down in Zion with all thy father[']s house to go no more out as this is the Salvation even one that is immortal and shall never end that I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Henry Royle on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Henry Royle son of John & Sarah born Cheshire England 1st April 1813

Beloved brother. In the name of Jesus of Nazereth who died to save the world from sin I lay my hands upon your head and bless you with a father[']s blessing because thou art one of the horns of Joseph, a chosen vessel of the Lord and the labor of thy ministry shall increase upon thee for thy work is not yet done, for thy voice shall be heard in distant lands and by many people for the house of Israel must be gathered according to the predictions of the Prophets and the Scriptures be fulfilled for I will send fishers and hunters & even Angels to gather up the elect from the corners of the earth then shall they be gathered to Zion, they who are of the Royal seed and the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood shall be upon them and upon thy head

for thou art of Joseph[']s tribe and of his seed shall thy lineage be counted this will entitle thee then to an inheritance in Zion and to the powers and blessings of that Priesthood according to the purpose of God from before the foundation of the world which is after the order of Melchisedec and thy posterity shall become numerous on the face of the earth and when thou comest into thy kingdom thou shalt be laden with Sheaves as stars in the crown of thy rejoicing and none shall be counted more glorious in thy place and altho the Devil has sought to lay divers temptations in thy way to weaken thy faith and thine enemies to destroy thee yet thou hast had grace given unto thee to overcome thus far

and thou shalt continue to be conqueror & rejoice with a glorious triumph, their snares shall not fall upon thine head for thou shalt be delivered from them all and a reward for all thy labors & toils awaiteth thee for thou hast made many sacrifices and in thy lifetime thou hast suffered much sorrow and grief for as a stranger and a pilgrim on the earth hast thou been willing to forsake thy father[']s house thy home and Country for a better land of promise therefore I seal upon thy head an inheritance which is sure a home that is everlasting a promised land that shall never fail the blessing of friends that shall endure with thee for ever and ever. A reward tenfold for all the sacrifices thou hast made and a Salvation that is after the power of an endless life even a Salvation temporal & Spiritual and that shall never end by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of David Wilkie on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of David Wilkie son of David and Isabella born Tryrone Co Ireland 1st August 1821

Beloved brother. With feelings of respect and esteem I lay my hands upon your head and bless you with a father[']s blessing in the name of Jesus Christ being my office to bless the fatherless it being with much anxiety of mind thou hast attained to the present opportunity and to see Zion prosper, and to enjoy her blessings, and the privilege of the Saints, it has been with thee as it was with Abraham of old, thou hast lived by faith, & by faith journeyed to this place. it has been thy faith in thy God that has preserved thee through the danger of the storm and brought thee from distant lands to a land of promise. a place of rest, and the place where thou shalt be taught of the Lord, and thy footsteps guided in his paths.

it shall be said of thee that the desires of thine heart have been fulfilled for in Zion thou shalt realize them every whit upon thy head also is the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood for thou hast been gathered up as one of the house of Israel for it has been signified unto the Servants of God that thou art of that seed, for by the blessings of the Covenant, even the everlasting covenant thou art saved and by it thy genealogy is made known for the scriptures have said that the seed of the house of Israel should be made known, among the Gentiles and their offspring among the nations, the Lord then has remembered his covenant people in this last dispensation and his eye has been over thee and by his Spirit has he pointed thee out, and thou hast been gathered from Babylon as one of the Israel of God to whom the promises were made and as the seed of Joseph shalt thou stand on Mount Zion with garments pure and white, and thine household with thee

and they of thy father[']s house shall come for they shall hear thy voice, and the testimony thou hast borne shall not fail, but shall bring forth much fruit, and they shall come bending unto thee who have heard and would not obey and acknowledge thee as the Servant of the most high God, and even in the temple of God shalt thou receive the fulness of thine endowment [endowment], and of the blessings of the Gospel even the font shall bear record of thy faithfulness and the time shall come when the dead shall hear thy voice and they who are shut up in prison shall be delivered and it cannot be told thee all at this time, but thou shalt understand more perfectly at some future time, but none of this blessing shall fail for thou shalt have a mansion of bliss prepared for thee and as a Savior thou shalt stand in Mount Zion and preside over many, and great shall be thy reward for I seal the blessing of Salvation upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Isabella Wilkie on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14 — 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Isabella Wilkie daughter of Duncan & Isabella McNair born Renfrewshire Scotland 9th Decr 1821

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that thy Soul may be comforted and that thou mayest be blessed, with the blessings of heaven throughout all thy day and generation for thou art blessed as one of the daughters of Abraham and the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom are thine thy Soul shall feast upon them, and unto thee it shall be as Angels food or heavenly manna, for none have known the depths of thy thoughts, thou hast pondered these things in thy heart and when thy Soul has been troubled, it has been in secret thou hast poured out thy prayers to thy God,

and when strange questions have arisen the world has not known thy Spirit for in God thy faith cannot be shaken. and thy Salvation is sure, yet many times fears and doubts have arisen, & clouds of gloom have obscured the horizon of thy mind, yet thou hast come off thus far conqueror and thy Soul is still pure

and thou shalt continue to be delivered from the bondage of Satan, and all doubts and fears driven away and every doubtful thing removed, and as a Ministering Angel shalt thou stand for the rights of thy Companion, and contend for his Salvation, and great shall be thy crown of rejoicing for peace and union shall dwell in thy habitations for ever, and all past evils shall be forgiven, and thy life to come shall be thy best days,

for as one of the household of faith shalt thou be numbered and as the seed of Joseph whose noble blood runs in thy veins, shall thy name be written on the Records of Israel and in common with thy husband shalt thou be a sharer of all the blessings powers and privileges of the Holy Priesthood, & thine inheritance in Zion with his is sure and shall never fail, thy name shall be remembered on the heads of thy posterity, thy days shall be lengthened out, none shall take thy place or crown but in thy lot shalt thou stand in the Resurrection morn, and all thy father[']s house with thee, for without them thy Salvation cannot be perfect and great shall be thy reward, and as a mother in Israel shalt thou be called blessed, all these blessings and privileges of the Spiritual Kingdom with the joys of an eternal Salvation. And that life which now is, and that life which is to come, with a Salvation that is immortal I seal upon thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph T. Ball on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14 1845 — A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Joseph T Ball son of Joseph & Mary born Boston Suffolk Co Massachusetts Feby 21st 1804

Beloved brother — With feelings of respect and esteem according to the duties of my office I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing — and one that shall prove a comfort unto thee in times to come that shall be descriptive of thy character, and unfold to thee thy future prospects for in mercy has the God of heaven looked down upon thee, & measured all thy steps and all the day long has he preserved thee, and watched over thee in thy journeyings and in thy labors has he blessed thee and delivered thee from thine enemies, and given thee power over those who have sought thy destruction, and when thy name is enrolled with the house of Israel upon sacred Records deposited in the archives of the temple, as a memorial and a testimony of thy faithfulness and good works

the names of thine enemies shall be forgotten forever, & their moral worth shall not be counted, for their iniquities have been great: — the powers and blessings of the holy Priesthood are upon thine head after the order of Melchisedec even ordained a High Priest by the Spirit of Revelation from under my hands which is again confirmed by the same authority and sealed on earth & Ratified in heaven, and no power under the heaven shall take it from thee, for upon thine head has been ordained this authority & power from before the foundation of the world, and the purposes of God shall never fail, for unto Joseph[']s remnants in this last dispensation has the blessing of the Holy Priesthood been handed down and thou art of that Royal Stock, to whom the blessings and promises were made, even of Joseph[']s tribe whose blessings are of heaven, and of the dew and of the deep and extend to the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills:

high and lifted up shall be thy throne, beautiful and exalted shall be thy mansion of glory, and into it shall be gathered all nations, who are of the labors of thy ministry, & of the fruits of thine own loins, and as a king and a mighty prince shalt thou reign and rule over many even ten kingdoms, the joys of thy Salvation shall be increased, for with increased strength and power shalt thou return and preach the Gospel to many people, thou shalt be called to a mighty Prophet a minister of peace & righteousness, for by Revelation shalt thou speak and by the power of the Holy Ghost thou shalt make known the great mysteries of the kingdom, and the Salvation of Israel[']s God to a dying world & many shall be gathered and saved in the kingdom by thy labors with thee for I seal all this blessing upon thy head with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom and a Salvation that is after the power of an endless life in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Frederick Cook on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14th 1845. A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Frederick Cook son of William & Sarah born Manchester England 17th April 1812

Beloved Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, because thou art of the seed of the house of Israel, to whom the promises were made and the same promises and blessings that were of old ordained upon Israel, are upon thy head for I confirm it upon thee and bless thee in the name of the Lord Jesus christ praying almighty God to be thy deliverer and thy support to strengthen thy faith and increase thy knowledge and give unto thee to live to see Zion prosper, & the power of God made manifest in the midst of the earth, and the seed of Joseph gathered to Zion with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads, and it shall be appointed unto thee to do a great work in thy day and generation, and with the seed of Joseph to have an inheritance in the promised land for thou art of his blood, and none shall dispute thy claims in the day of judgement to that inheritance

I seal upon thine head the blessing of long life. and much prosperity good health, and inasmuch as thou wilt gird up thy loins with faithfulness the Spirit of God shall direct thy course in all things, and be thy guide, and it shall reveal unto thee, the abundance of peace and truth and by Revelation shalt thou speak unto the people and unfold unto them great wisdom none shall be able to stand before thy testimony for by the Spirit and power of God shall it bee [be] and after many days shalt thou return to Zion laden with sheaves, for thy voice shall yet be heard in distant lands and among many people with thine own household and they of thy father[']s house shall gather round thee, and call thee blessed, and acknowledge thee as the Servant of the most high God in the kingdom of heaven shall it be. And when thou art perfected in thy Salvation even then it shall be brought to thy mind the work thou hast done in the baptismal font thy labor for the dead and for the living, for thy kindred who are dead shall hear thy voice

therefore — dear Brother be comforted for thy work is not yet done for thou shalt stand on Mount Zion as a Savior to thy people with the 144,000 and great shall be thy Salvation for the blessings of Almighty God are upon thee even the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob and not one whit of their blessing shall fail or this that I have given unto thee by the same power and authority, for I seal it upon thy head by the authority of the office of Patriarch in the church of God in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of William Pool on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of William Pool son of Daniel & Ann born Lancashire England 13th December 1811

Beloved Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, for it has been thy lot to suffer much affliction in thy past life, & as one who has been cast forth from thy father[']s house dependent on a heartless world, in solitude and gloom hast thou laid down thy body at night when by troubles all thy future prospects were beclouded, yet the God of heaven hath watched over thee and by his Almighty arm hast thou been preserved, and from the depths of sorrow, and the very pit of misery has he preserved thee & raised thee up, and borne thee off conqueror, and through the storms and dangers of the deep to a better land, a home that God has prepared for thee even a city of delight, & a land of promise, the covenants made with Abraham have now began to be remembered and his blessing with the blessing of all holy Prophets and apostles are upon thine head, and not one of them shall fail,

for of Joseph[']s remnants thou art numbered, and of his lineage and blood thou shalt be called, therefore the blessings of the holy Priesthood are thine and it shall continue throughout thy day and generation on all thy posterity for of thy fathers were they that administered before the alter [altar], and by their authority & power the blessings of Salvation are extended to their posterity from whom thou hast de-

scended and unto whom these blessings have come — so be comforted dear Brother — gird up thy loins and be faithful, put thy trust in the true and living God, and thou shalt receive an inheritance with thy Bretheren [Brethren], who are made equal with thee, and thy days to come shall be days of greater joy,

and thou shalt not as a wanderer roam neither as a stranger perish for the want of a home, for in Zion shalt thou stand when Christ comes in the clouds of heaven and be numbered with the 144,000 with their garments pure and white, and all thy father[']s house and Bretheren [Brethren] and Sisters around thee and then shalt thou exclaim it is enough my Salvation is made complete, thy labors shall not be forgotten thy many sacrifices shall be rewarded and thy God shall be thy Redeemer, & the holy one thy Deliverer, and it shall come to pass and none can hinder, even every whit of this blessing for I seal it upon thine head with all the joys privileges and glories of a Salvation that is eternal everlasting & immortal and that shall never end in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Pool on July 14, 1845]

City of Joseph July 14 — 1845 — A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch upon the head of Elizabeth Pool daughter of John & Mary Stockton born Lancashire England 8th May 1815.

Dear Sister I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing that shall last thee and prove thy Salvation temporal & Spiritual, throughout thy day and generation for thou shalt be called a Mother in Israel, and shall be instructed in all the law of the church and it shall be thy theme to do the will of God, and to understand the order of his house, and as a daughter of Abraham shalt thou administer even to those over whom thou shalt be given charge and they shall call thee blessed thou art also of the seed of Joseph and of the household of faith, and the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom shall not depart from the[e], and it shall be given thee to understand at some future time, the fulness of thy Salvation, & thou shalt be the means of doing much good many shall cherish thy name with fond remembrance down to many generations,

and as thou hast also been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, the time shall come when it shall be no longer said that thou art driven smitten and afflicted that none are made more glorious or exalted in their place so let thy faith be strengthened, and no power shall prevail against thee neither shall any take thy place or crown, but in common with thy husband I seal upon thine head all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom, joys and glories of the Holy Priesthood with a Salvation upon Mount Zion with all the Israel of God, with the multitude that shall be gathered from the nations and with thy Companion friends and father[']s house around thee, and a Salvation that is without end in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Helen Simcock on July 16, 1845]

City of Joseph July 16th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Helen Simcock daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Croker born Liverpool Lancashire England 14 Feb 1813

Dear sister. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth] to seal upon you a father[']s blessing that in com[m]on with thy husband thou mayest be a partaker of all thee [the] blessings of the spiritual kingdom, that is sealed upon his head, for in spirit and in truth thou hast served him in faithfulness and thy God, and the desires of thine heart have been pure, and because thou hast been willing to journey from a distant country, to sacrifice thy friends and home for an inheritance in Zion, thou shalt have the desires of thy heart, and be rewarded even fourfold, and it shall not be said of thee in time to come that thou mournest as an orphan child, for thy friends shall gather round thee, and thou shalt behold their Salvation,

and in the temple of God shalt thou realize the fulfilment of a part of this blessing, and thine under-

standing shall be greatly increased, for in the font of the Lord shall a faithful Record be borne, for the Salvation of those who are departed spirits, and thou shalt see it and know it, and thy name shall be enrolled with the names of the house of Isreal [Israel], and with the name of thy fathers who are dead, for they must bear [hear] the voice of the son of God, and become partakers of the glory and of the salvation of this last dispensation for unto them were the promises made, as also upon thy head that according to the purposes of God from before the foundation of the world, that a seed should be preserved upon whom to confer the blessings an[d] priviledges [privileges] of the holy priesthood of which seed thou art, even of the household of Joseph, hence his blessing is upon thy head, multitudes after multitudes, posterity, long life, the blessings of earth and of heaven, peace in Zion thy home, an inheritance that shall never fail, with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom evan [even] a Salvation that is after the power of an endless life I seal upon thine head, with Abraham Isaac and Jacob to sit down in the kingdom of God to go no more out forever in the name of Jesus christ. even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Gilbert Watson on July 16, 1845]

City of Joseph July 16th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriar[ch] on the head of Gilbert Watson son of Andrew and Catherine born Perthshire Scotland 20th March 1822.

Dear Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, for it has not entered into thy heart, the work that lies before thee or even the appointments of God that are made concerning thee and thy future destiny, for as one of the hou[se] of Joseph thou art called in this last dispensation, to gather up the lost sheep of the house of Isreal [Israel], and to be one of the hunters to hunt them up from the dens and caves of the earth, and the time is coming when the wilderness shall hear thy voice, and the forest tremble beneath it, and as a young lion that cometh up from the thicket in search of prey, so shall thy ministry be terrible among the mighty ones, yet shall they fall into thy hand, and thy power shall be great in the land, and it shall be with this as with the hungry lion, that returneth from the slaughter satisfied to lye down to rest, so shalt thou return to Zion as a mighty conqueror and in the day of battle shall it be when thy fierce anger has been kindled [kindled] against thine enemies and the enemies of God, and as the avenger of the blood of Prophets shalt thou stand and fight the battles of Zion, and with mighty conquest sit down satisfied in her, and rest in peace,

the Lamanites shall hear thy voice and the heathen shall be made glad, and even in distant lands, thou shalt be blessed with stars in the crown of thy ministry for it shall be given unto thee to do a marvallous [marvelous] work in thy day and generation, and when the days of thy youth are past, and their follies with them are all forgiven, more mature years shall bring on better judgements. and in wisdoms paths shalt thou be guided, and with equity shalt thou judge, and in meekness shalt thou rule, for unto thee pertains that right, even the powers and blessings of the holy Priesthood, therefore thy name shall not be forgotten, for the blood of Joseph runs in thy veins, and with his tribe shalt thou be assembled upon Mount Zion, numbered with the one hundred and forty four thousand with garments pure and white, and as one who has come up through great tribulation, washed thy robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, with all thy father[']s house with thee, thou shalt stand as the servant of the most high God, whose name shall be honored forever and ever, then shalt thou enjoy a fullness of the blessings of the Gospel of christ none shall be made more glorious in their place, for thou shalt rule over many, the power of Satan shall not ensnare thee to deprive thee of this Salvation, and no enemy shall take thy crown, for power shall be given thee to overcome by faith in the name of Jesus christ for upon thine head I seal all this blessing, with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom and a salvation that shall never end in the name of Jesus christ even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Rhoda Reid on July 16, 1845]

City of Joseph July 16th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Rhoda Reid daughter of Amaziah and Rhoda born Oxford Co Maine 27th September 1803.

Beloved sister. in the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head, to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, and one that shall be descriptive of thy future prospects, for the days of thy greatest troubles are past and the time is coming when the influence of thine enemies cannot harm thee, for they shall not eny [any] longer have power over the innocent, but thou shalt be delivered from their grasp, and all the sins of thy past life shall not be remembered against thee, and thou shalt have grace and strength given unto thee, that shall increase thy courage and thy faith shall make thee whole, for thou art a daughter of Abraham and with the promises made to him, as thy fathor [father] thou art blessed even forever, and it shall be given unto thee to receive greater blessings then before enjoyed, even in the temple of God when it is finished, thou shalt realize it, and for thy faithfulness in coming to Zion and keeping the commandments of God, thou shalt have an everlasting inheritance in her, that shall not be taken from thee, and thy days shall be lengthened out, and in the kingdom of heaven at a good old age, thou shalt sit down with Abraham Isaac and Jacob to go no more out,

and thy joy shall be full, for with multitudes shall thy voice be heard with praises to the most high God, and with a com[p]anion that shall be given unto thee, thou shalt enjoy an exalted mansion and [w]ith thy posterity gathered round thee, who shall call thee a Mother in Isreal [Israel], thou shalt be blessed for ever more, and great shall be thy salvation therefore, to this end [d]ear sister, I seal thee up unto eternal life, and also seal upon thy head the blessings [of] the Resurrection power, to stand in that day numbered with the holy ones of the earth [a]nd priests and kings of heaven, then shall all the desires of thine heart be fulfilled then shall they who have wronged thee and persecuted thee in times that are past, come bending unto thee and confess all their wrongs, and it shall be said of thee thou art honored with the hosts of heaven, then shall thy joys be full, and no power on earth or under the earth that is not of God, shall take away from thee this blessing but it shall all be fulfilled every whit, for I seal it upon thy head even a salvation that is after the power of an endless life in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Mathews on July 16, 1845]

City of Joseph July 16 1845, A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Elizabeth Mathews daughter of Edward & Barsheby Burgess born Franklin Co Massachussetts 4th August 1788

Dear Sister. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ to see [seal] upon you a father[']s blessing. A blessing that shall continue upon thy head to many generations for this blessing is only given in Confirmation of what has been given before, by the fathers who have prophesed of all things and by whom the almighty has made known the destiny of all nations, for as it has been thy common lot to suffer affliction through the loss of health and this world[']s goods, for thou hast struggled hard and labored diligently in thy past life to gather up a sufficiency of the necessary comforts of life for thy protection and thy home, yet some evil Spirit has envied thee in thy lot and place, and like a cankerworm has been devouring all the powers faculties, strengths & health of thy body, and not content, but with many devices and snares has tried to entrap thy Soul, and to throw a gloom of despondency over thee, and becloud all thy prospects until thy mind becoming wearied thy body weak, and thy very Soul fainting within thee

yet it has been by a living miracle that thou art now alive and still enjoy the mercy of God in thy preservation for by his Almighty power hast thou been raised up from beds of sickness, and from the very depths of trouble and affliction, to enjoy life health, and to live to see Zion prosper thus far and as a daughter of Abraham thy faith shall make thee whole, for thou art of that household and the blessing of health shall

increase upon thee from this hour, for by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal the blessing of health upon thy head and ask God my heavenly father to restore thee to health again thy strength shall increase, and thou shalt see yet many days and thou shalt lay down thy body in Zion in peace to rest

and in the Resurrection morn as one of the children of Ephraim who are of the house of Joseph, the blood of which Royalty runs in thy veins, thou shalt stand spotless pure and white, robed in robes of celestial glory, & with thy Companion with thee and all they of thy household for thy children are truly of the Royal stock, and they shall be gathered into the kingdom & by faith through obedience they shall be entitled to an inheritance in Zion with thee for ever. and thou shalt be exalted with a Salvation that is everlasting and no power shall stay it for it shall be granted unto thee and now at this time I seal the blessing of health upon thy head with all the enjoyments of this Salvation in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Anson Mathews on July 16, 1845]

City of Joseph July 16 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Anson Mathews son of Ashael and Annev born Middlesex Co Connecticut 1st December 1787

With feelings of respect and esteem and in the name of Jesus of Nazereth, I lay my hands upon your head agreeable to your request to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, being my office to bless the fatherless and this blessing on thy head shall be purely Patriarchal given by the highest authority in the church of God that governs the holy order of Patriarchs in this last dispensation for though thy heart has been bowed down many times under a load of affliction, and because thou hast been willing to share in the toils & persecutions of thy Bretheren [Brethren]; thy name shall be written in heaven, and recorded upon the book of the Law of God, and be numbered with the assembled multitude of Israel and with the Remnants of Joseph thou shalt stand with the 144,000 on Mount Zion, and when the troubles, persecutions, trials, labors, sacrifices of thy past life are all counted, thou shalt be rewarded with a Salvation temporal, and with a Salvation Spiritual, and with blessings tenfold on thy head, in the world to come,

and it is of Israel seed that thy lineage shall be counted, of Abraham who is thy father, and of Joseph[']s household of whose blood thou art and by their faith and works of righteousness, they have obtained a promise of Salvation, a blessing of the holy Priesthood upon the heads of their children, which blessing has been ordained of old even from before the foundation of the world, even upon thy head shall it come and upon the heads of thy posterity & because thou hast had the desire for greater knowledge, the Spirit of truth has enlightened thine understanding and the Responsibility of what has been revealed to thee has increased upon thy head, until the prospects of the future, when Zion shall rise and put on her beautiful garments and shall throw around thee a halo of joy and glory, mingled with the labors of the past, thy blessing shall come and shall not tarry, wait for it and as the children of Israel thou shalt see the Salvation of God, thy voice shall be heard by many and thy testimony shall be remembered to many generations,

thy children shall honor thee as a father and as one who rules well his own house shalt thou be called blessed, and none of thy toils and labors shall be lost; but as stars in the crown of thy rejoicing thou shalt yet be laden with sheaves for thy work is not yet done, the ordinances belonging to the holy order of God will bear witness to this saying and after many days shalt thou sit down in Zion with an everlasting inheritance, count up thy generations and with delight shalt thou look over the past history of thy life. And with joys shalt thou behold the opening glories and prospects of this last dispensation, with all the accumulated joys of heaven shalt thou sit down in the kingdom of Almighty God to go no more out for I seal upon thy head a blessing the seal of which shall preserve thee blameless unto a Salvation that is everlasting and that shall never end in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of William Black on July 16, 1845]

City of Joseph July 16 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of William Black son of William and Mary born County of Antrim Ireland 20th August 1784

Dearly Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, and one that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and point out to thee thy future prospects, for it is truly given unto thee to be a man of wisdom and great judgement, and by the looks of thine eyes canst thou judge lengths, weights and measures almost exact the God of heaven has pointed thee out as a peculiar personage, and all thy lifetime he has watched over thee and preserved thy life and out of deep troubles has he raised thee for thou art a man of sorrow and acquainted, yet thine unconquerable Spirit will give thee to excel in all thy father[']s house, and to rule and preside over thine own household and with great decision of character thou shalt be considered great in adjusting the causes of thy Bretheren [Brethren] for as one who is mighty to judge between the wicked and the righteous, thou art called to plead the cause of the innocent to establish peace and to be a peacemaker in the Land, & thy voice shall be heard in the Councils of the just for it shall not be in vain

thou hast left thy home and Country for a better land of promise, though many have rejected thee because of thy faith, yet they shall see thee saved in the kingdom of God. And thou shalt triumph over all thine enemies, then shall they remember the words they have spoken and the testimony thou hast borne by thy faith and example, then shall they acknowledge thee as the Servant of the most high God, then remember dear Brother that thy work is not yet done for as a ministering Spirit shalt thou minister unto those who shall be heirs of Salvation, and by the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood sealed upon thine head and upon the head of thy posterity which shall be numerous in the last days thou shalt come up on Mount Zion as a Savior, for unto thy kindred shalt thou administer Salvation and they shall gather round thee even thine own household.

And in the temple of God shalt thou understand more perfectly the fulfilment of this blessing upon thy head, and it shall be no longer said thou art a stranger but an heir and a citizen of the household of faith Abraham[']s seed and of the blood of Joseph and his blessings are upon thine head, even all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom, an inheritance in Zion for ever, and a Salvation that is truly exalted and that is after the power of an endless life sealed upon thy head by an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Jane Black on July 16, 1845]

City of Joseph July 16 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jane Black daughter of Daniel & Margaret Johnson born County of Antrim Ireland 11th June 1801

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you in the name of Jesus Christ a father[']s blessing, praying Almighty God to seal instructions upon thine heart, and by his Holy Spirit enlighten thine understanding, increase thy courage and reward thee fourfold for thy labor of love & the deeds of charity thou hast done, thine heart has been open to administer to the Saints, and with true faithfulness of Soul thou hast served all the day long and bid the Servant of God — Godspeed — it has been thy faith in the God of heaven that has borne thee up in the midst of deep afflictions, and brought thee through the Storm and through the dangers of the deep

be comforted dear Sister for it shall be no longer said of thee, that thou art an orphan wanderer, destitute of friends or home, for in Zion thou shalt have an inheritance, fathers & mothers, Brothers Sisters, shall be given unto thee, and thou shalt be rewarded for all the sacrifices thou hast made even fourfold and thy drooping Spirits shall be comforted, and as a daughter of Abraham and a Mother in Israel thy name shall

be handed down to posterity. And with the Remnants of Joseph shalt thou be numbered for thou art of his blood and thou shalt be called blessed by thousands, and by tens of thousands and the time shall come when thy father[']s house and all thy blood relatives who were thy kindred Spirits shall gather round thee and with thee be saved to the satisfaction and joy of thy heart,

this blessing shall not fail fail upon thy head, because of the promises that have been made, and by Visions [Visions] and dreams shalt thou understand more perfectly the fulness of the Gospel, for those who are dead must hear thy Voice, and in the font of God shalt thou declare it, and with the names of thy forefathers, and all they of thine own household shall thy name be recorded upon sacred Records, then shall thine eyes be opened to understand why it was necessary to gather with the Saints in Zion, that with the Saints of the Latter days thou mayest receive thine enduement [endowment], and be qualified in all things to stand with thy Companion on Mount Zion and in his Salvation be a sharer of all the glories and exaltations of the Saints and to meet the labors of thine own hands in the work that thou shall perform with joyous anticipations, thy Salvation perfected and made complete. A blessing that I seal upon thy head which is after the power of an endless life in the name of Jesus christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles S. Peterson on July 16, 1845]

City of Joseph July 16th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Charles S Peterson son of Andrew & Martha born in Burlington Co New Jersey 28th July 1818

Beloved brother — In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that shall continue upon thine head, and the heads of thy posterity after thee numbering thee with the house of Israel to whom the promises were made and thus the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood are confirmed upon thine head because unto this seed, belongeth this blessing and must be handed down according to lineage from father to son and it shall be thine appointment to labor, according to the duties of this ministry, until thou hast done a great and glorious work in the land and for all the desires thou hast had to see Zion prosper, and to come to a promised land to help to build up the kingdom of God thou shall be blessed, and realize the desires of thine heart, and thy reward shall be great in the kingdom of heaven, it shall be thy lot to stand with Joseph's remnants upon Mount Zion in the last days and of his tribe shall thy lineage be counted with garments pure arrayed in white robes,

thou shalt stand and look upon Idumea the world when the judgements of God are abroad among the nations, when the fire of God[']s wrath, shall be enkindled against all the ungodly, and like a mighty tempest shall it devour the wicked and humble the exalted ones on high, then shalt thou see Zion put on her beautiful garments her glory shall be seen of the nations of the earth and the holy one of Israel shall be in her midst for unto thee it is given to see length of days, and thy name shall not be forgotten in the multitude for with honor shall it be handed down to posterity, and thy seed shall become numerous for thou art of the stock of Israel of the seed of Abraham and of the household of faith

and it shall be given thee to enjoy an everlasting inheritance in Zion, and to sit down in the temple of God and count up the history of thy generations numbering the names of thy forefathers that shall be revealed unto thee and to stand as their deliverer by which the Gospel shall be preached to the Spirits in prison that they may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus and that through thy works and labor of love Salvation may be carried to kindred Spirits and they brought by the power of thy Priesthood to sit down with thee in thy kingdom in the kingdom of God, then shalt thou preside over many and all who are thine, then thy Salvation shall be made complete and none shall be made more glorious in their place, for great shall be thy crown of rejoicing and not one whit of this blessing shall fail but shall all be fulfilled upon thine head for I seal it upon thee with all the blessings of an eternal Salvation — even so. Amen

**[Patriarchal Blessing for Ann B. Peterson (deceased)
given to Mary Ann Peterson (as proxy) on July 16, 1845]**

City of Joseph July 16th 1845. A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch in favor of Ann B Peterson deceased daughter of Edward and Mary Dennis born Monmouth Co New Jersey April 1818 On the head of Mary ann Peterson sitting as proxy daughter of William C & Elizabeth Patten born Lancaster Co Pen[n]sylvania 23d July 1822

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazereth to seal upon you a blessing by proxy for her who is dead yet whose Spirit lives in heaven above where God and Christ is for it was her labor in her lifetime to live and die a Saint, and with faithfulness in the midst of sorrow affliction and tears of grief, did she toil to obtain Salvation and with great anxiety of Soul did she desire the Salvation of her own, and none of her labors shall be lost, for as one of the bright stars in the firmament she is now made to shine in the kingdom of heaven and as an Angel of peace she is now ministering to those who shall be heirs of Salvation and to her has been given the Angel and guardian care of her Companion on earth and all his household, and she watches over them by night and day, she is counted worthy in the midst of the hosts of heaven, and her Spirits faint not

she was a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith she was also of the household of Joseph and of the Royal blood, her name shall not be forgotten, but with fond remembrance shall it be cherished in the hearts of many: down to many generations even for ever and ever and to her shall be given the honored title of Mother in Israel, and thousands shall assemble round her and call her blessed but the fulness of her Salvation cannot be made perfect until her companion is with her & those who are of his kingdom for until kindred Spirits are gathered up: and are united in the celestial kingdom as one her Salvation will be like the dimming glory of the Stars or Moon that borrows its light from the Sun, but in patience her Spirit waiteth the triumph of God in the Resurrection morn then shall she come forth and receive her crown, to meet all her father[']s house and they of her own household resurrected to a life that is new and that is immortal with a glorious exaltation at the right hand of God, all of which as a blessing of this Spiritual kingdom I seal upon her head with a life that shall never end a Salvation that is made perfect and that is after the power of an endless life and it shall come to pass every whit for the God of heaven hath spoken it confirmed upon thee dear Sister according to the holy order of God acting as Representative for her whose Spirit has now gone in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ann Peterson on July 16, 1845]

City of Joseph July 16th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Mary Ann Peterson daughter of William C & Elizabeth Patten born Lancaster Co Pennsylvania 23 July 1822

Dear Sister — In the name of the holy child Jesus I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing and one that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and future prospects, for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, and as one who in the days of youth cast forth upon a heartless world and as a Stranger among strangers & far from home, when not even a parent[']s care could be given as a solace and comfort in times of trouble but with special care hath the God of heaven watched over thee, and by his peculiar providence hath he preserved thee, and all the day long his mercy has been strewed in thy path and with his peculiar care hath he pointed thee out as one of the Remnants of Joseph, and by his Spirit it has been revealed unto the[e], a land of promise, a better country, a home that the God of heaven shall give unto thee as one of the daughters of Abraham whose inheritance is sure, and whose glory shall never fail, & thy last days shall be thy best days,

and even now it may be said the time has come that thou shalt begin to arise & thy future prospects

for comfort and happiness shall continue to increase upon thee, and the desires of thine heart shall be realized and the crown of thy glory shall be great temporally & Spiritually and thy desire shall be unto thy husband and he shall rule over thee for thou art of Royal blood and of his lineage shall thy posterity be counted. thy name shall be written with those who are honored in his kingdom upon sacred Records, enrolled with those who are of the house of Israel, when their number shall be reckoned, and be deposited in the archives of the temple,

and when the fulness of the last dispensation has come in greater knowledge shall be revealed unto thee, for at this time it cannot be spoken, neither hath it ever entered into the heart of man to conceive what God hath in store for the[e], but it shall be revealed in the own due time of the Lord for thine exaltation is certain, and thy Salvation sure, and none shall take thy place, for thou shalt stand in thy lot in the Resurrection morn, and all who are of thine household with thee, and none shall deprive thee of this Salvation, and altho hell may rage & the people imagine vain things, and the Devil seek to ensnare thee, yet thou shalt rejoice with a glorious triumph and far beyond his power and all thine enemies thou shalt receive a glorious deliverance and exclaim it is enough and by faith not one whit of this blessing shall fail upon thine head for I seal it upon thee, even a Salvation that is eternal everlasting & immortal one that shall never end in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Alexander Gardner on July 16, 1845]

City of Joseph July 16 1845. A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Alexander Gardner son of James and Mary born Mid Sothian Co Scotland October 1st 1823

Beloved brother. In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, one that shall continue throughout thy day and generation and afford thee comfort in the times and hours of distress, because thou hast been been willing to make many sacrifices to leave the land of thy home and journey to this land thou art numbered with the house of Israel and thy lineage is of the house of Joseph, and upon thine head and also upon the head of thy posterity, is sealed the blessings of the Holy Priesthood, for thy fathers administered before the altar & were made priests of the most high God therefore their blessings upon thine head shall not fail for it shall be thy lot to administer as they did, and thy words shall prove a Savior of life unto life or death unto death to those who hear thee proclaim the Gospel, and thy testimony shall be remembered and written upon the Records of heaven and read before the Congregation of the Saints

and all who hear thee and follow thy Council [Counsel] shall be saved in the celestial kingdom, and thy name shall be remembered for ever in the midst of God[']s people, and all the labors thou hast done in braving the dangers of the deep shall not be forgotten but as a reward thou shalt receive fourfold, for the Lord will remember all thy Sorrowings and the times of thine affliction for thy Soul has been bowed down, and thou hast suffered much pain of body and of mind, yet from all thy sorrowings thou shalt be delivered and thy troubles shall cease, and thy last days Shall be thy best days, and it shall be thy privilege to be gathered with thy father[']s house, and they who are of thine own household to rest in peace for ever

thy work dear Brother is not yet done for thou hast a work to perform in the midst of the earth, and even the Lamanites shall hear thy voice, and the heathen shall be made to rejoice, thy name shall be counted great in the Land and none more glorious in the kingdom of heaven in thy place, the Spirits in prison shall hear thy voice and they who are dead shall come forth from their graves, and when all the washings anointings and endowments are prepared & received by the Saints thy name shall be numbered among the righteous ones even with the 144,000 who shall stand on Mount Zion with garments pure and white and with Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob with all their blessings upon thy head thou shalt sit down in the king-

dom and go no more out, and thy Salvation shall be made complete for I seal it upon thine head even a Salvation that shall never end with all the blessings powers & privileges of the holy & righteous kingdom of God that shall endure for ever in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of George Black on July 17, 1845]

City of Joseph July 17 1845. A blessing on the head of George Black son of Wm & Jane born Antrim Co Ireland May 6th 1823. Conferred by Wm Smith Patriarch

Beloved brother — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, praying Almighty God to bless you and pour out his Spirit of wisdom and knowledge upon you, that thy faith and courage may be increased and the desires of thine heart be realized for thou hast been gathered up as one of the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and with them thou art numbered in this last dispensation, and it shall be thy lot to share in the promises that have been made unto the fathers concerning the Remnants of Joseph in the last days, for thou art of his stock and his blood runs in thy veins & upon thine head and also upon the head of all thy posterity shall be conferred the blessings of the Holy Priesthood, which Priesthood is after the power of an endless life, and must continue throughout all generations because it is that, that was decreed from before the foundation of the world, and the purposes of God shall never fail for the God of heaven hath spoken it

therefore the blessings of this holy Priesthood are thine, and as a Messenger of truth, thy voice shall be heard in distant lands and it shall be thy lot to proclaim the Gospel among the nations afar off, and then shalt thou return to Zion the land of thy home laden with sheaves & great shall be thy Salvation, for in Zion thou shalt have an inheritance, & in peace and safety shalt thou rest from all thy labors, & all the former things that thou hast suffered shall be forgotten for thou hast come up through great tribulation, even to get to this place for it has been through storms & the dangers of the deep, & thy faith in thy God hath preserved thee and brought thee thus far thou shalt see the prosperity of Zion and live to a good old age, & in time to come it will be thy privilege with all those who are of thy household and of thy kindred to sit down and count up the history of thy life and the generations to come,

thy posterity shall be numerous and with Israel thy name shall be written on sacred Records and with Israel thy name shall be written on sacred record⁴ and with the multitude that shall be gathered on Mount Zion thou shalt have an everlasting inheritance as a prince and a Savior so be encouraged dear Brother for thou hast a work to perform & all thy work is not yet done for greater blessings await thee & they shall be poured out upon thy head even all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom and not one whit shall fail for I seal them upon thine head with a Salvation that is eternal everlasting & immortal in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of David Moss on July 18, 1845]

City of Joseph July 18th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head [of] David [Moss] son of Robert and Margaret Moss born in Newton Yorkshire England 17 Sepr 1818

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ, to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, even a Blessing, that shall continue throughout thy day and generation for as one of the remnants of God[']s chosen people, thou hast been gathered up from distant lands by the everlasting covenant to gether [gather] with the saints and be numbered with God[']s chosen people upon Mount Zion. there to stand when the judgements of God are abroad among the nations, then shalt thou see Zion arise and put on her beautiful garments and become a place of rest, even a city of refuge, the city of God[']s elect,

4. The words “and with Israel thy name shall be written on sacred record[s]” are repeated.

where he will visit his people in mercy and not in judgement. It has been for this salvation that thou hast journeyed to this place and when thy spirits have been drooping and thy soul bowed down under burdens of affliction, it has been Zion with all her glory and the prospects of her prosperity in the future that has inspired thy soul and raised thee up and increased thy courage to travel on, it shall be thy [word missing] to be numbered with the honored ones of the earth, even they who are of the Holy Priesthood because of thy right by lineage, for thou art of that stock unto whom, the promises were made even of the household of Joseph and of the seed of Abraham, thy voice shall yet be heard in other lands and with stammering lips and another tongue shalt thou speak unto the people

and the Lamanites shall rejoice because of thy ministry and after many days thou shalt return again to Zion laden with many sheaves, and in thy life time shalt thou consider it, and in heaven where God and christ is thou shalt realize every whit of this blessing and of the fullness and powers of the Holy Priesthood, around thee shall be gathered they of thy father[']s house and thou shalt preside over many, for as a king and as a priest shalt thou reign and administer, and none shall dispute thy rights, from this time thou shalt begin to feel an increased enjoyment of the glories and blessings of the latter days, and thy soul continue to drink deeper and deeper, into the joys, of this last dispensation and the spirit of wisdom shall guide thy steps and the God of heaven shall be thy protector and he shall guide thee all the all the [sic] day long, no power upon the earth shall wrest from thee thy glorious crown, for by the authority and power of the holy order of God established in these last days, I seal upon thine head all these blessings with a joy that shall never fail, a salvation that shall never fade, away, that is eternal and that shall never end with all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal Blessing of James Hawkins on July 18, 1845]

City of Joseph July 18th 1845 A Blessings by William Smith Patriarch upon the head [of] James [Hawkins] son of John and Elizebeth Hawkins born in Ludsvill Yorkshire England 17 March 1818

Dear Brother I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ, to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall prove unto thee a comfort, and as a reward of thy labors and toils, for with youthful fears thou hast ventured forth as a defenceless [defenseless] orphan upon the world to journey and direct thy course to Zion, For all the desires of thy heart in looking after a land of promise a better home thou shalt receive, a reward that shall prove thine everlasting inheritance; and for every sacrifice thou hast made, thou shalt be rewarded fourfold, the days that are past shall suffice for thy sufferings, for the afflictions thou hast passed through shall be forgotten and thy days to come shall be filled up with joy and much prosperity in the kingdom of God, when thy name is written with those who are of thy father[']s house and all thy brethren it shall be thy lot to be numbered with those who are called and chosen, even with Joseph[']s remnant of whose blood thou art and of his lineage shalt thy name be counted, as one of his children shall thou stand upon Mount Zion, when thy labor is done with the hundred, forty and four thousand, with garments arrayed in white, and it shall be truly said of thee that thou hast come up through great tribulation & washed thy robe and made it white in the blood of the lamb

Thy work dear Brother is not yet finished, for thy voice will be heard in testimony of the Gospel and thy name shall be made honorable in the midst of the multitude for upon thy head and upon the heads of thy posterity unto many generations shall be remembered, the blessings of the Holy Priesthood and after many days thou shalt understand more perfectly this blessing upon thy head, and the fullness of the Gospel, for unto the dead as well as the living must the Gospel be preached and in the font of God as the Representatives of those spirits have gone to another world shalt thou stand and administer with thy Brethren who are endued [endowed] with the same power and authority that shall bring salvation to spirits in prison and

those who are of thy kindred and are kindred spirits shall be brought into thy kingdom and partake of thy Salvthen [Salvation] shall thy salvation be made complete and thou shalt preside over thine own household and they who are with thee as the labor of thy ministry and great shall be thy reward when this shall be fulfilled upon thy head, and by faith it shall all be done and no power upon the earth or under the earth, or any where else that is not of God shall wrest the crown of this salvation from thee, for by the holy order of God and by the authority of the holy priesthood I seal it upon thy head even a salvation that is after the power of an endless life and by a firm decree that cannot be broken in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Hawkins on July 18, 1845]

City of Joseph July 18th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Sarah Hawkins daughter of Samuel and Mary Bradshaw born Cheadle Buckley Cheshire England April 4th 1818.

Beloved sister In the name of Jesus christ of Nazereth [Nazareth] I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, one that shall continue throughout thy days and generation: for as a daughter of Abraham thou shalt be blessed with the fulfilment of the promises made unto him — long life posterity blessings of the earth and heaven above and with an inheritance in the city of God, upon Mount Zion: for it shall be thy lot to stand with thy companion and thy blessing to share with him in his exaltation, It shall be thy reward for thy labor of love and the deeds of charity thou hast done, the many afflictions thou hast suffered the sacrifices thou hast made in journeying from a distant land, to behold the glory of Zion and be numbered with her children to have thy name written upon sacred records enrol[l]ed with the house of Isreal [Israel], numbered with the honored ones of the earth, handed down to posterity while the multitude who are of thy blood shall claim thee as a mother in Isreal [Israel], & call thee blessed.

Not one whit of this blessing shall fail but shall all be fulfilled, for by the holy Spirit of promise thou art sealed. the day of redemption, and the joys and glories of this last dispensation are thine because thou art of the family of Abraham of the seed of the house of Isreal [Israel] and of the household of faith a de[s]cendant of him who was sold into Egypt and in time to come thou shalt experiance [experience] that wisdom and knowledge of God that shall rejoice thy heart in the fulness of the Gospel, all thy works shall be remembered and with the Remnants of Isreal [Israel] shalt thou receive thine exaltation when Zion shall arise and put on her beautiful garments: then shall all thy sorrowing cease for the days of her mourning are past, the time of her deliverance has come and thou shalt partake of all her joys.

Angels shall be sent to take the guardian care over thee and in the path of truth and true holiness all the day long will the God of heaven watch over thee, inspire thy heart with the wisdom of heaven and thy council [counsel] shall be sweet to thy companion, and among them of thy sex. with fond remembrance shall thy goodness be cherished in the hearts of many, and with a father[']s care thou shalt be preserved until thou art sanctified and saved, and none shall take thy crown or place for thou shalt stand in thy lot in the resurrection morn and rejoice with a glorious triumph, for great shall be thy salvation and thine exaltation in the kingdom of heaven for the God of heaven hath spoken it, by a firm and determined decree and by the authority of the office of Patriarch I seal the blessing of eternal life upon thee with all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom and a salvation that shall never end, in the name of Jesus christ even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Archibald Campbell on July 18, 1845]

City of Joseph July 18th 1845 — A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch upon the head of Archibald son of Alexander & Babylightning Campbell born in Glasgow Lanarkshire Scotland Sept 7 — 1824

Dear Brother. I lay my hands upon your head, to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, even one that shall continue throughout thy days and generation, that shall number thee with the chosen ones of the

house of Israel and that shall explain thy future life; that as the blessings of the ancient Prophets and Patriarchs upon the heads of their children and their children[']s children, the same reaching unto thee may be confirmed upon thy head to make known thy lineage which is of Abraham[']s stock and the blood of Joseph, therefore it shall be given thee to stand upon the face of the earth when Joseph[']s remnants are called the mighty ones of Israel. then shalt thou be rewarded for obeying the testimony thou hast heard in distant lands and for thy faith and integrity in coming to this place the city of Zion for although gloomy clouds gathered around thee yet thy Spirit has aspired after the glory of the last dispensation, and it has borne thee on throu[gh] storms and mighty deeps, and the God of heaven has been thy Salvation

so be comforted dear Brother, when Zion rejoices thou shalt rejoice, and when she is built up thy heart shall be glad and in her thou shalt have an inheritance and all of thy household with thee for the powers and blessings of the holy Priesthood are thine, around thee shall be assembled many of thy kindred friends and great shall be thy Salvation It is not meet at this time to mention all that God hath in store for thee, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to believe what God the righteous judge will give to them that love his appearing but gird up thy loins, watch and pray, for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh; Be sober and do the Commandments and thy glory shall be of his and thy Salvation shall never fail this blessing with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom sufficient to qualify thee for an exaltation at the right hand of God, with a joy and a glory that shall never end I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Campbell on July 18, 1845]

City of Joseph July 18. 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Elizabeth Campbell daughter of John & Elizabeth Falconer born in Elgin Morayshire Scotland May 22d 1818.

Dear Sister. I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of the holy child Jesus to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that thy heart may be comforted, that thy Soul may rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel, and as a daughter of Abraham whose desires have brought thee from a distant land to journey far from home and in a land of strangers yet who are made by the everlasting covenant to join with the Saints in Zion, the land of thy home, where thou hast come to be gathered with thy Bretheren [Brethren] and they of thy father[']s house, and of the household of faith, for thou art of the house of Joseph & as his seed thy name shall be enrolled upon the records of Israel, in the midst of this gloryfying throng even that numerous multitude shalt thou stand

and it shall be said of thee, thou art numbered with the honored ones of this last dispensation that it is enough thy cup of joy is full & a reward even tenfold for all the sacrifices — the privations and afflictions thou hast endured — for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, and through great tribulations thou hast come, but thy reward is sure and altho friends may have cast thee out and frowned upon thee because of thy faith, yet thou shalt live in a world of joy and bless and thy Soul shall never die, nor suffer the pains and pangs of death, thy triumph and deliverance shall come upon thy head in an hour and in a time when thine enemies must fail and they who have persecuted thee acknowledge thee as the daughter of heaven and so it shall be as it is written “not one jot shall fail” for with all the blessings of the holy and heavenly kingdom, with the joys of an eternal Salvation and a Salvation that shall never end I seal upon thy head by an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Scriggins on July 18, 1845]

City of Joseph July 18 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Samuel son of William & Sarah Scriggins born in Barnstead Strafford Co New York Dec[emb]er 9. 1806

Beloved brother — In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to confer and seal

upon you a father[']s blessing one that shall afford thee consolation in the times and hours of distress: for unto thee it is given to understand the things of God and thy mind shall be opened to comprehend his great mysteries, by the Spirit of truth the Scriptures shall be unfolded unto thee and dark and mysterious passages shall be explained, many mysterious questions removed & in a time to come thou shalt see it and hear it, for it is thine to know the principles by which thou art saved and by which a mansion is prepared for thee in the kingdom of heaven I shall number thee in this blessing as one of the children of Ephraim and as one of the horns of Joseph, for thou hast been exalted and chosen and the times of thine appointment to this work to gather Israel as a messenger to the nations in searching after the elect [of] God[']s chosen people.

The powers and blessings of this ministry that are necessary for thee to do the work appointed, are upon thee and shall continue upon the heads of thy posterity for this is a right that pertaineth to the promised seed and shall continue throughout their generations forever. It shall also be given thee to enjoy an inheritance in Zion, also length of days — prosperity temporal and Spiritual — and thy former sorrows shall all be forgotten and they who have wronged thee and spoiled thy goods — robbed thee of thy rights shall yet come bending unto thee and thou shalt triumph over them, and they of thy kindred who have rejected the testimony thou hast borne & even all who have driven thee from their home because of thy faith and the integrity of thy heart shall acknowledge thee as the Servant of the most high God, and thine enemies shall not prevail against thee neither shall that arm be prospered that is raised to destroy thee but with the wisdom of heaven the Spirit of truth, and by the guardi[a]n care of a merciful God

thou shalt be directed in all thy steps all thy way shall be made straight and the path narrow, but in Zion thou shalt rest in peace and in her exaltations shall thy heart be made glad in her Salvation shalt thou rejoice, and in her thou shalt find joys that are celestial A Salvation that is immortal, and a life that shall never end — a never fading glory and unfailing streams of joy and bliss all of which blessing I seal upon thine head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood and by a firm & unchangeable decree and in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Nathaniel Henry on July 18, 1845]

City of Joseph July 18 — 1845. A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch upon the head of Nathaniel Henry son of Nathaniel and Hannah Felt born in Salem Massachussetts Feby 6 1816.

Beloved brother — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, one that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and future prospects for with a firm and unshaken faith hast thou served and desired to serve the cause of Zion to know the will of God and to do it to be corrected of all thy errors this has been the desire of thy heart and when in weakness thou hast at any time fainted by the way yet the honesty and integrity of thy heart has saved thee and brought down the blessings of heaven upon thy head and new light has sprang up and thy way has been made clear before thee. Then thou didst rejoice with a glorious triumph and thy Soul has continued to be encouraged and thy faith increased upon thee.

Although many have been the devices of men and the snares of the devil to jostle thee from thy firm footsteps and entangle thee with foul Spirits to destroy the peace of thy mind and to destroy thee both Soul and body yet thou hast had grace given unto thee and by the wisdom of God thou hast overcome, and the snares have fallen upon their own heads and unto thee it shall be given, and it shall continue with thee from this time forth power to detect the Devil in all his devices to discern the Spirits of men to escape the snares of the evil one, and to understand perfectly the true principles of Godliness and not one jot of thy labors shall be lost neither shall a hair of thy head fall to the ground without thy heavenly father[']s notice, for thy Spirit shall be saved from death and thy body from the hands of devourers,

thy Soul shall live to enjoy that life that now is and that which is to come, for this lifetime shall suffice for the sufferings for sin but after death thou shalt suffer no more pain, and the pangs of death shall be swallowed up in the Victory of the cross. when thou art perfected in thy Salvation thou shalt understand the great fulness that belongs to the celestial kingdom for with thee shall be gathered all they who are of thy father[']s house and of thine own household and with them shalt thou stand and administer as a king as a priest and as a mighty prince in Israel, great shall be thy crown of rejoicing for in this kingdom shalt thou preside over many who are of the household of Joseph of whose blood thou art. then with mighty power shall the fulness of thy Salvation be made known upon thy head, and all thy rights to govern; and unto thee shall be given kingdoms and dominions and a Salvation that shall never end with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom sealed upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. Even so — Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Louisa Walker on July 18, 1845]

City of Joseph July 18 — 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Louisa daughter of Alexander & Louisa Walker born in Ohio July 14th 1821.

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, praying Almighty God to seal instructions upon thy heart and direct thee through thy future life and preserve thee that in thy lifetime thou mayest enjoy the blessings of eternal life and as a daughter of Abraham be numbered with Joseph[']s remnants of whose blood thou art and be gathered into the fold of Christ & that thy days may be lengthened out: for this blessing even the blessing of health I seal upon thy head, that thy name may be handed down with honor and be remembered in the midst of thousands and be enrolled upon the records of Israel, for inasmuch as it has been thy common lot to share in the toils and afflictions of thy father[']s house, and yet, thy repose has not been upon an earthly friend neither has it been the guardianship of parental hands for as an orphan thy Spirit has wept; and under the load of the common burdens of life and through deep afflictions and with the sun's hot rays pouring upon thee, thy God has been thy support.

It is him who is mighty to save that has borne thee on thy journey and comforted thee in all thy toils and tribulations and it shall be thine to understand the fulness of the Gospel and in Zion thou shalt rest in peace, and walk her streets when there is no one to molest, thou shalt be blessed in the labors of thy hands for with industry and Virtuous care thy course shall be directed and thy pathway made smooth the days that are past shall suffice for thine afflictions for better days are thine & in days to come with joy and to the satisfaction of thy heart shall all this blessing be fulfilled for thou shalt possess an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of God to sit down with Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob & go no more out all of which blessing I seal upon thy head even a life that is everlasting in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Walker on July 18, 1845]

City of Joseph July 18 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Mary daughter of Alexander and Louisa Walker born in Ohio May 4th 1825

Dear Sister. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of the holy child Jesus, to seal upon you a father[']s blessing praying Almighty God to direct thee in all thy future life and by his goodness mercy and power, preserve thee in wisdoms path and by his grace enable thee to overcome the powers of darkness for this is the blessing upon thy head that thy Salvation may be secured by the holy seal of promise and all thy sins be forgiven, and as a daughter of Abraham that thy joys may be made complete, that it shall no longer be said of thee thou art a stranger but an heir of the kingdom a member of the household of faith for thou art of that Royal Stock now numbered in the everlasting Covenant and of Joseph's lineage his blessings are thine —

the blessings of the living and the blessings of the dead are upon thee and thou shalt live to see many days and years to come and thy Soul shall not faint within thee neither shall it suffer the pain of death; although thy path has been strewed with afflictions and sorrows and grief has covered thee o'er yet thine unconquerable Spirit will enable thee to live through these storms of life, even the grace of God has borne thee up to the present time and the pure mercies of him who seeth in secret has heard thy prayers he has witnessed thy sorrowing and heard thy Petitions in the closet when thou hast pondered well the things of thine own heart, when thou hast had not another upon whom to repose yet thy prayers have been answered and from deep trouble has he raised thee up and thy captive Soul has been set free but yet thy courage shall increase upon thee.

It is not meet to say at this time but it shall be more perfectly made known at some future time then shalt thou rejoice with a glorious triumph and thine enemies shall faint — their power shall decrease and they shall not prosper, but they shall be overtaken in their own snares when thy glory shall increase and thy power and thy wisdom shall raise thee up even in glory celestial and exaltations, that shall hand thy name with honor to those who are of thy posterity down to the latest generations, when it shall be given unto thee to be called blessed a mother in Israel for thy Salvation is sure and no power shall take thy crown for I seal the blessing of an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of Almighty God upon thy head even a Salvation that is eternal and that shall never end with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom that are necessary to make thee wise unto Salvation in the name of Jesus christ. Even so — Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Thomas Cottam on July 19, 1845]

City of Joseph 19th July 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Thomas Cottam son of John & Catherine born 20th October 1820 Yorkshire England.

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall continue upon thy head throughout thy day and generation, and a blessing that shall afford thee comfort in thine hours of trouble and affliction, for in this blessing it shall be given thee to understand thy future destiny, also thy lineage and descent, for thou art of the seed of Abraham, & of the household of Joseph, whose blood runs in thy veins, therefore the blessings and powers of the Holy Priesthood are thine, for they belong unto this seed according to the decrees of almighty God, and altho thy fathers enjoyed this blessing yet apostacy has driven the Priesthood from the earth, until it is restored again by the ministering of Angels in these last days, by means of which these promises handed down from the fathers are renewed upon thy head, and confirmed and sealed upon thee, and shall continue with thy posterity after thee to many generations even forever,

therefore dear Brother — gird up thy loins, for as one of the horns of Joseph thou hast a work to perform for unto thee is ap[p]ortioned a certain part of the work of gathering Israel in this last dispensation and when thine endowment [endowment] is completed thy faith and knowledge shall be increased, and in the temple of God it shall be more fully explained the powers and duties of thy calling, for there yet awaiteth a greater fulness for thee to receive, and thy voice shall be heard in the multitude and many shall rejoice because of the labors thou hast done therefore I bless thee with the blessings of heaven, that thy mind may begin from this hour to receive strength, & be prepared for the work that lies before thee for it shall yet be said that thy name is great in the midst of the congregations of the Saints, and thy joy shall be full for a glorious reward is thine, for thine afflictions that are past shall suffice,

the days of thy greatest troubles are o[v]er for thou hast seen much sorrowing and like a faithful Soldier endured the afflictions of the past, but thy lifetime to come shall be filled with joy and peace, prosperity and plenty and no evil Spirit shall have power over thee or thine household to destroy thy happiness, but it

shall be thy lot to possess an everlasting inheritance in Zion and in all her joys to become exalted, all these blessings shall be fulfilled upon thine head and the Devil shall not take them from thee, for upon thine head I seal all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom and a Salvation that shall never end in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Benjamin Chase on July 21, 1845]

City of Joseph July 21st 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Benjamin Chase son of Josiah & Hannah born Worcester Co Massachusetts 30th May 1783

Beloved brother — In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, and one that shall continue upon thine head throughout thy day and generation, and shall be truly descriptive of thy character and future prospects for thou art numbered with the seed of the house of Israel, and all the desires of thine heart shall be fulfilled for the promises made with Abraham and all the holy Prophets I seal upon thee and they shall never fail, because thou art of that Royal seed even of the family of Joseph, him who was sold into Egypt, and was the Savior of his father[']s house so it shall be with thee when thou comest into thy kingdom, for as a Savior on Mount Zion thou shalt stand in the last days numbered with the 144,000 and with thee shall be gathered they who are of thy father[']s house and thy kindred, this shall be thy reward for thy labor and the afflictions thou hast endured, and though enemies have sought to destroy thee and to ensnare by their cunning devices, that thy faith might become weakened and to despoil thee of thy goods,

yet judgement shall overtake them in an hour they think not and thou shalt be rewarded fourfold and thy name shall not be forgotten in the congregation of the Saints, but it shall be appointed unto thee to sit down in the temple of God and count up the history of thy generations, and the names of thy fathers shall be revealed unto thee, up to the time they lost the Holy Priesthood. And for them thou wilt offer an acceptable offering A sacrifice that shall bring them from the Spiritual world where they are bound, into a celestial kingdom, a mansion of glory, and thou shalt be great as a king to rule & as a mighty prince and Savior to preside over many, and thy name shall be made glorious among the Angels of heaven

therefore dear Brother gird up thy loins, set thy house in order, & prepare to receive the great endowment [endowment] of the Saints, for thy work is not all done, for there yet remaineth a greater blessing for thee and all thine household and thy former afflictions which have been many and days of sorrow that have bowed thee down and caused thee deep trouble shall suffice for all thy Sins in this lifetime, and thy last days shall be thy best days for a glorious exaltation awaiteth thee in the kingdom of God, and they who have persecuted thee, cast thee out & despised thy testimony because of thy faith in the fulness of the Gospel shall come bending unto thee & acknowledge that thou art the Servant of the most high God & all this blessing shall be fulfilled upon thy head for I seal it upon thee with that life which now is & that to come even a Salvation that shall never end by an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mabile Chase on July 21, 1845]

City [of] Joseph July 21 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Mabile Chase daughter of Elijah and Mary Russell born about Albany Co New York 9 Mar[ch] 1788

dear sister — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a blessing that is purely Patriarchal and one that shall afford thee great comfort and consolation in times of thy great distress and thou art bowed down under loads of trouble and affliction for upon thee the blessings of heaven shall never fail, for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, and by the parental and guardian of him who rules the armies of heaven thou hast been sustained and upheld, from the days of thy Youth until the present

time, yet as a lonely wanderer an orphan child that was far from home thou hast pondered in silence and thy thoughts have not been made known only to thy God, upon whom thou hast called in secret, he has heard thy prayers and from beds of sickness, and from deep trouble hath he raised thee up and from a distant land hath he brought thee to the land of Zion thy home and thy faith hath made thee whole, and thy Soul shall yet rejoice with a fulness of joy in the Salvation of Israel[']s God,

and thy labor of love and the deeds of charity thou hast done, shall not be forgotten, for unto thee shall be given a reward even a name that shall be written in heaven enrolled upon the Records of Israel and be deposited in the archives of the temple, and as one of the daughters of Abraham thou shalt be numbered with the great congregation of the Saints and with fond remembrance shalt thy goodness be cherished unto many generations, & thy posterity shall be great in the land for as a Mother in Israel thou shalt be called, and as one of the Children of Ephraim descending from Joseph's house and of his blood thou shalt stand in thy place and lot, and partake with thy Companion of all the glories and blessings of his Priesthood and Salvation, and none shall take thy place and in Zion thou shalt have an everlasting inheritanc[e] and in her exaltation thou shalt be exalted and when she puts on her beautiful garments it shall be thy lot to stand with the multitude of Israel upon Mount Zion with garments pure and white,

and it shall be said of thee that thou hast come up through great tribulation and thy troubles are o[v]er, thy days shall be lengthened out and thy health increased upon thy head, and no power shall wrest this blessing from thee in earth or in heaven, for thy Salvation shall be made complete for the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ are thine; and although hell may rage and the people imagine vain things, yet thine exaltation is sure for I seal it upon thy head with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom, even a Salvation that is after the power of an endless life & that shall never end in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of James Rigby on July 21, 1845]

City of Joseph July 21 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of James Rigby son of Charles & Mary born Cheshire England 23d March 1810

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a father[']s blessing, praying Almighty God in the name of his son Jesus Christ to seal upon thee the blessings of eternal Salvation that thy faith may be increased and thy mind and body may be strengthened for I shall number thee in this blessing as one of the seed of Joseph and the promises and blessings given by that Patriarch are upon thy head and they shall continue with thee until thou art made like unto the Angels of heaven, & as a ministering Spirit to those who shall be heirs of Salvation for thy work is not done, for as one of the horns of Joseph that are sent to gather Israel thou art called and chosen and thy voice shall yet be heard among the living and the dead who are yet in bondage and many who are of thy kindred shall hear thy voice & to Zion thou shalt return laden with sheaves for the power of the Holy Priesthood is upon thee [the] heads of thy posterity after thee

thy seed shall become numerous and thy name great in the land for thou shalt be honored with the name of father & thy praise shall be of many & in Zion thy joy shall be full for in all her glories thy heart shall be made glad and when thou hast lived out many years; thou shalt go down to thy grave in peace, & in the Resurrection morn thou shalt come forth in majesty glory honor, immortality and unto eternal life, with thy Companion and all they of thy household and as a king thou shalt preside and as a Priest thou shalt minister & thy Salvation shall be great for thou shalt triumph over thine enemies, and all who have sought thy destruction and as an avenger of the blood of Prophets & Patriarchs thou shalt stand as a mighty warrior and contend with great strength for the cause of Zion — then be comforted dear Brother for thou hast much to do. gird up thy loins and be true and faithful, and when the temple is finished and the enduement [endowment] of the Saints is accomplished thy duty shall be more fully made known, for there remaineth a greater

blessing for thee, which cannot be told at this time, but all shall be fulfilled upon thy head for I seal it upon thee even the blessings of an eternal Salvation with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom in the name of Jesus Christ — Even so — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Jane Rigby on July 21, 1845]

City of Joseph July 21. 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jane Rigby daughter of John and Francis Littlewood born Isle of Man 1st Octr 1813

Dear Sister — In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing. A blessing that shall prove thy comfort in the days and times of thy distress for I bless thee with that power that shall have dominion over evil Spirits and they shall be rebuked. And by thy prayers they shall flee away, and sickness and pain shall not waste away thy body for I seal the blessing of health upon thy head even the blessing of long life and of much joy and peace in beholding the prosperity of Zion and her exaltation shall be thy theme and thy Salvation, to thee it is given to be numbered with the daughters of Abraham, partaking of the blood of thy Companion who is of the house of Joseph and thy name shall be numbered with the honored ones of the earth, and and with him who is thy protector thou shalt share in all the powers and blessings of his holy Priesthood

and unto him thou shalt be as a ministering Angel, and with true fidelity and watchful care to serve all the day long, and none can impeach the integrity of thy heart for with an Angel[']s purity thy Spirit has been true and ste[a]dfast, and none among all the bright stars of heaven shall shine fairer in their place when thou art saved and as a reward of all thy labors thou shalt come forth in the morning of the first Resurrection, and all thy former afflictions shall be forgotten, thy body shall be raised to life, thy Soul shall never suffer the pangs of death for in this lifetime shall all thy sins be forgiven

and if thou wilt continue to treasure up wisdom in thy heart and fulfil the Law of thy husband given in righteousness, thy glory shall never fail and thy Salvation is sure and all the glory that is to be received in the temple in the font of God bestowed upon the living or the dead shall be thine, & thy kindred friends shall come and sit down in the kingdom of heaven with thee and thy name shall be honored to many generations and every whit of this blessing shall be fulfilled for in thy lifetime thou shalt consider it and in eternity the fulness shall be made known, then with all who are of thy blood that shall be gathered round thee for not even one shall be lost, thy Salvation shall be made complete for I seal it upon thy head by a firm and everlasting Decree even a Salvation that is after the power of an endless life in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Merryweather on July 23, 1845]

City of Joseph July 23d 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Sarah Merryweather daughter of Nathan & Olive Arnold born in Chenango Co New York May 20th 1806

Beloved Sister. In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a father[']s blessing, and a blessing that shall prove thy comfort and seal instruction upon thy heart in all thy future life; and because of thy goodly desires and integrity thou hast been preserved by the favor of heaven up to the present time. As a daughter of Abr[a]ham, who art numbered with the house of Israel unto whom the promises were made concerning Salvation, which Salvation I seal upon thy head, also the blessing of being gathered to Zion and being numbered with the children of the kingdom in this last dispensation: and I seal upon thy head the blessing of health rebuking every evil Spirit and every pain and affliction.

Power shall be given unto thee to exercise greater faith and dominion over thy afflictions and thou shalt receive greater strength of body and of mind and from this time the power of God more abundantly shall be poured out upon thee and thou shalt return in safety and in comfortable health to thy Companion

and home & the thoughts of Zion shall never be erased from thy memory. thy desires shall be increased for her Zeal and the time shall come when thy Soul shall rest within her walls in peace & thy troubles and afflictions shall be forgot[ten] and Satan shall cease to have power over thee. Thy days although numbered shall be lengthened out and thou shalt behold the work of God increase in the land to the joy of thy heart.

Although pain and sorrow has been thy common lot and when thy Spirits have been bowed down under their load thy Soul has made thy Complaints to thy God and he has preserved thee and raised thee up and in answer to thy prayers has preserved thee thus far to see the building up of Zion & to realize the desires of thine heart thy name shall be remembered in the congregations of the Saints and in the temple of God upon sacred Records it shall be deposited in the archives of the Temple the holiest of all & none shall be made more glorious in their place where the fulness of thy Salvation shall be made known for then shalt thou be exalted with the honored ones of Heaven— and in the multitude of all thy kindred thy Salvation shall be made perfect, for they shall gather round thee and they of thine household shall call thee blessed and in the Resurrection morn this blessing shall be fulfilled upon thy head, and not one whit shall fail for I seal it upon thee even a Salvation that is immortal with all the blessings of the Saviour[']s kingdom and a Salvation that shall never end by an irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus Christ — Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Moore on July 23, 1845]

City of Joseph July 23d 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Poley Moore daughter of Evan & Elizabeth Thomas born in South Carolina 9th May 1788

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the office of Patriarch, I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, even a blessing that shall fortell thy future prospects and seal upon thine head by legal authority according to the holy order of God the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob which is the blessings of heaven and of earth a Salvation temporal and Spiritual numbering thee with the house of Israel and as a daughter of Abraham of the household of Joseph who was sold into Egypt, therefore as he became a Savior to his father[']s house so shall it be with thee because of the integrity of thine heart thy faith and worthy example shall prove a Savior unto all them who hear thy voice and obey thy Council [Counsel], for the God of heaven has watched over thee and given thee wisdom and strength until the present time, and from this time thy work is not done

and thy strength shall continue to increase and thy power with God, and thy body altho now infirm with age shall be invigorated and thou shalt be enabled to rise up above all thy troubles and thine enemies shall not have power over thee neither shall death until thou hast seen the desires of thine heart fulfilled then with a mighty triumph thou shalt rejoice over thine enemies for they shall be brought to nought and shame and confusion shall take hold upon them who have sought to wrong thee in days that are past but hear it dear Sister better days are thine for in Zion thou shalt have an everlasting inheritance and a tabernacle of glory that shall never fail and thou shalt rejoice over thine household for every one shall be brought into that kingdom where thou art saved, and great shall be thy Salvation and even those of thy kindred who are scattered shall be gathered and all they who are of thy blood shall stand on Mount Zion with thee with garments arrayed in white and thy comforts shall begin to increase upon thee,

and thou shalt see the power of God manifest in thine own household and upon the heads of thy children and upon thy Companion for all that thou hast lost even in this world or sacrifices thou hast made shall be restored unto thee and thou shalt be rewarded fourfold even in this world and in the world to come with a life that is everlasting then shall the names of all thy forefathers and of thy generations be numbered be restored redeemed and saved these blessings I seal upon thine head with all the joys of the Spiritual kingdom and a Salvation that shall never end in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Younger on July 23, 1845]

City of Joseph July 23d 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Joseph Younger son of Thomas and Poley born Chatham Co North Carolina 10th December 1803

Beloved Brother. I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, and one that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and future prospects for it is because of the desires of thine heart and thy faith that has brought thee thus far to behold the glory of this latter day kingdom, the amount of thy labors in times that are past are not fully known to thy Bretheren [Brethren], but the time shall come when all they who were the fruits of thy ministry shall be numbered with thee in thy kingdom, and the fruits thereof shall be counted great and thy labors shall not be forgotten because of the multitude and the number that no man can number for after many days then cometh the harvest then the reckoning time when the sheaves are gathered into the garner there as a faithful minister or watchman upon the walls of Zion thy name shall be enrolled with the honored ones of the earth and many in after time who are of thy poster[i]ty shall call thee blessed and as one who rules well his own household and over those whom he is appointed to preside for they shall be of the house of Israel as a mighty prince among the sons of Ephraim thine exaltation is sure

and thou shalt be appointed as a king to reign to preside over many of that posterity of whose blood thou art, descending from the family of Abraham and of Ephraim[']s stock through the loins of Joseph therefore ponder these things in thy heart gird up thy loins prepare thyself, and thine household for there is a greater work that must be performed to complete thine enduement [endowment] and perfect thee in the ministry in this world, with powers privileges keys of knowledge qualifications that will exalt thee and thy household to mansions in the kingdom of heaven that shall be more exalting & glorious than all the kings and potentates of the earth then shalt thy poverty flee away, that sorrow and affliction disappointment pain & distress that has characterised thy former life shall all be forgotten & from this time forth thou shalt begin to experience greater power and even the fulfilment of much of this blessing upon thine head and all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom shall be thine and for every sacrifice thou hast made or shall make thou shalt be rewarded fourfold in this life and in that which is to come life everlasting and a Salvation that shall never end I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan Younger on July 23, 1845]

City of Joseph July 23d 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Susan Younger daughter of Abraham and Nancy McCerley born Allen Co Kentucky 6 Jan'y 1807

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing and one that shall prove a comfort unto thee when temptations arise and thy Spirit is oppressed, for the Lord will remember thee and all thy prayers shall be answered, thy Soul shall find rest and thy peace of mind shall increase upon thee for I seal upon thine head dear Sister a blessing of power the discerning of Spirits the wisdom of heaven that shall enable thee to detect the cun[n]ing devices of Satan and all his plans shall be brought to nought & every hard and strange question be made plain while the Spirit of truth shall direct thy steps and thy path shall not be in the wilderness neither shall darkness overspread thee for the God of Heaven shall direct thy course and his Spirit teach thee — the true principles of glory and exaltation in the kingdom of heaven, and as a daughter of Abraham descending from him who was justified by faith and who offered up his son Issac [Isaac] as the great and last sacrifice, so as one of his children thou shalt be counted,

and by the authority of the same power there is now conferred and sealed upon thee the same blessings and promises, that shall continue upon thy head and thy posterity after thee and by faith thou shalt be

justified and when thy great and last sacrifice is made then with Abraham and all the holy Prophets thou shalt receive thy reward and as a comforting Angel thou shalt administer unto thy Companion, and thou shalt stand in thy lot and place and none other shall take it if thou art faithful in keeping the law of thy husband thy glory shall never fail for as the Angels in heaven thy Love power and union shall increase and as one of the bright stars in the Constellation of heaven thou shalt shine forth as an ornament in the kingdom of God with all of thine household, and they who are of thy kindred shall be gathered with thee in the fold and with thy Companion to preside partaking with him of the powers and blessings of the same Priesthood that shall last throughout [throughout] thy generations and with Joseph[']s remnants and with his household — for thou art of his blood — shalt thou be gathered unto Zion to enjoy an everlasting inheritance and no power shall wrest this blessing from thee for I seal it upon thy head with every Spiritual blessing & a Salvation that is immortal and eternal that shall never end in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Jane Younger on July 23, 1845]

City of Joseph July 23d 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Poley Jane Younger daughter of Joseph & Susan born Murray Co Ten[n]essee 21st August 1825

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of the holy child Jesus to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, praying Almighty God that his blessing even the joys of Salvation may rest upon thee and that his mercies and loving kindness may be strewed in thy path, that thy Soul may be comforted in every hour of trouble and gloom and while passing down the stream of Time and in the slippery paths of youth that thy footsteps may be directed in a heavenly way for this is the blessing with which thou art blessed, and the blessing that I seal upon thy head even the gift of wisdom to possess a portion of the Holy Spirit of God that shall be a discerner of the thoughts and intent of the heart this power shall increase upon thee as age and experience comes on until thou shalt behold the glory and beauty of Zion and her exaltation in this last dispensation when in more mature years as one of her polished stones thou shalt shine forth in all the beauty and excellency of the daughters of Abraham in the knowledge of God,

then thy sorrowing heart shall be filled with rejoicing and every affliction and fear be removed, thy strength shall increase according to the duty devolving upon thee, and thy courage and fortitude none can overcome for unto death thy Spirit will aspire after the fulness of the Gospel and glories of the Latter day kingdom and when in old age and thy body is infirm with years thou shalt sit down in Zion with thy father[']s house around thee and of that family that shall be gathered with thee who shall be as numerous as the Stars of the Heavens & the sands on the sea shore

therefore dear Sister ponder these things in thy heart prepare thyself for the coming Lord and with Angel purity arise and be ready to meet him, thy Sins and the follies of youth are all forgiven thee, thy Soul shall cleave unto the worship of heaven and thy God shall save thee & protect thee all the day long and it shall be said of thee among the daughters of Israel that thou art great & as a Mother in Israel shalt thou be blessed for thy name shall be enrolled with the honored ones of the earth who are of the household of Joseph whose blood thou art and with fond remembrance it shall be cherished in the hearts of many even for ever and none shall be made more glorious in their place but thy Salvation is sure, and thy exaltation none can describe for it is glorious in the midst of the hosts of heaven this Salvation with all its appendages glories blessings & privileges I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Alexander Walker on July 23, 1845]

City of Joseph July 23 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Alexander Walker son of James and Sarah born Hamphshire [Hampshire] Co Massachusetts 24 Mar[ch] 1791

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a father blessing praying almighty Cod to bless you and seal instructions upon thy heart, to remove all doubts & fears and give thee his Holy Spirit to direct thee in all thy footsteps and make known the plan of Salvation, that thy way may be plain in all things before thee, for it has now become thy privilege to enjoy a greater fulness of the blessings of the Gospel — so let thy courage increase upon thee for with the people who are mighty and terrible from the beginning thou shalt be numbered even enrolled in time to come with the honored ones in the last dispensation and of Joseph shalt thou be called and great shall be thy reward when thy labor is done thy last days shall be thy best days and thy former afflictions shall all be forgotten and thy reward shall be increased ten-fold upon thy head and power shall be given unto thee to do a work in the font of God that shall constitute thee a Savior in Mount Zion, numbered with the 144,000 then shall thy father[']s house and they who are of thy household gather round thee, and thy Salvation shall be perfect and they who have cast thee off and persecuted thee shall come bending unto thee and acknowledge that thou art the Servant of the most high God

and thou shalt have power to rebuke evils in thine own house, to set all things in order to heal the sick, to command pain to cease and the blessing of heaven shall be upon them whom the commandment shall fall so gird up thy loins be faithful and true, continue thy labor of love with thy Bretheren [Brethren] then as a peace maker thou shalt stand in the congregations of the Saints, and as a mighty one in Israel thy name shall be handed down to thy posterity, and after thy labors are done then shalt thou return to thy father[']s kingdom as a shock of corn that is fully ripe laden with many sheaves, & with a crown of everlasting joy upon thine head all of which blessing I seal upon thine head with that life that now is & that which is to come and a Salvation that shall never end by an irrevocable decree in the name of Je[s]us Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lois Walker on July 23, 1845]

City of Joseph July 23d 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Lois Walker daughter of Nathaniel & Mary Knapp born Bristol Co Massachusetts 25th Jan'y 1790

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazereth [Nazareth] to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, for as one of the daughters of Abraham thou shalt be blessed and even those those things that have been thy common lot to share in times that are past troubles that have grieved thy Soul and wrongs that have been inflicted by false hearted treachery shall soon pass from thy memory for greater joys shall increase upon thee and thy Soul shall be comforted when they who as enemies to thy Salvation shall fall beneath the wrath of an i[n]dignant God, who will avenge the wrongs of the innocent for he is a God of power and cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance, his anger is enkindled against the wicked every day, but by his mercies and long sufferings they are spared and the nations are not cut off, until his goodness shall go forth among the people and the Gospel be carried to nations afar off, then shall he come out in judgement and the Saints possess the kingdom forever then thy Soul dear Sister shall rejoice in the glory of Zion

and the desires of thine heart shall all be fulfilled, thy labors shall not be forgotten, the honesty and integrity of thy heart shall preserve thee unto a glorious exaltation in the kin[g]dom of heaven and with thy Companion thou shalt be exalted and of his lineage thou shalt be exalted and of his lineage shall thy blood be counted and with him shalt thou be a partaker of all the glories and blessings of the Spiritual kingdom, and no power that is necessary to give thee access to the temple — the font — the ordinances of the kingdom — by which the dead may hear the Gospel and all thy kindred and friends be brought numbered and saved with thee — shall be withheld from thee in this last dispensation for great shall be thy reward in the kingdom of heaven and thy crown of rejoicing, this Salvation which is after the power of an endless life

with a decree that is unalterable I seal upon thine head in this world and that which is to come in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Peter E. Dillan on July 24, 1845]

City of Joseph July 24 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Peter E Dillan son of Peter & Lydia born Pike Co Illinois 3d Nover 1830.

Beloved Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, for thou art numbered with the chosen seed of promise, and thy mind and faith shall become strengthened and it shall be thy common lot to possess the wisdom of heaven and be guided in ways of judgement that shall shew forth the inspiration of God for thou shalt be governed and directed in many things by Revelation and the blessings that were of thy fathers who belonged to the household of faith are now sealed upon thy head unbelief and unbelieving fears shall not have any power over thee in thy lifetime for the power of the Holy Priesthood shall be upon thee and like Paul who was a chosen vessel of the Lord thou art called to do a great work in thy day and it shall be appointed unto thee in time to come, thy voice shall be heard among nations afar off and even upon the islands of the Sea & they who are of Judah shall hear thy voice and many of the Remnants of Joseph shall be gathered by thy labors for of that lineage thy seed shall be counted even all of thy father[']s house

and in days to come this blessing shall begin to be fulfilled upon thy head and if thou art faithful and true no power can stay thine hand, and as a comfort to thy own household for with them thou shalt be made an heir of all the glories of the Spiritual kingdom and in the mansions above all these blessings shall be fulfilled, then shall thy Salvation be made perfect and all thy labors shall gather round thee and as a mighty prince thou shalt rule many people then shall be Zion in all her perfection and beauty and the king of heaven in her midst and unto him with all the mighty hosts shall praises & hossannas — be sung forevermore all this blessing with the Blessing of long life & an inheritance that shall never fail & a name that shall never be forgotten a Salvation with all the Spiritual blessings and privileges that is necessary to exalt thee Dear Brother I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Madison on July 25, 1845]

City of Joseph July 25th 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Elizabeth Madison daughter of John and Ann Briggs born Derbyshire England 22 Decem[be]r 1797

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall empower thee with that wisdom in days to come that shall increase thy faithfulness of heart and that thy Soul that has been bowed down under loads of affliction may rise up and in the possession of that knowledge that reveals a fulness of the Gospel and find rest & thy deliverance that shall appear in the distance like the sun rising in the firmament of the heavens may increase thy hope and thy courage and by some new bought joys the glory of God in this last dispensation beam with glorious effulgence upon thee then Angels shall be thy guard & by Visions and dreams thy Spirit shall be comforted when thou art depressed

for unto thee some kind voice shall administer and the voice of Joseph shall it be and from thy deepest troubles thou shalt find a full and complete deliverance for with the daughters of Abraham thou shalt be crowned in the celestial kingdom and thy faith shall make thee whole and even secure to thee an inheritance in the promised land with thy Bretheren [Brethren] and kindred who are of the household of Joseph thus thy lineage is made known and by Revelation thy mind dear Sister shall be strengthened and thy body invigorated for I seal the blessing of health upon thee by the authority of the Holy Priesthood rebuking ev-

ery pain and disease & every foul Spirit for from the bondage of Satan thy Soul shall be made free and peace shall dwell in thy habitations and this shall be because of the power of God that shall be manifested upon thee and upon thine household

when this shall be done then thy glory shall begin to arise thy drooping Spirits triumph and every portion of thy kindred share in the blessings of the Gospel their Spirits united with thine shall live in the enjoyments of heaven here upon earth then thy joy shall be full then all thy troubles and afflictions & all the pain thou hast endured shall be forgotten for in the Resurrection morn thou shalt be numbered with those of the first who arise and be saved in celestial mansions where thy joys shall never end there shall it be no more said that thou art an orphan wanderer in a land of strangers thy Spirits drooping but with Hossannas and praises that shall never end to God and the Lamb thou shalt join with all the glorified Saints and sit down with Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob in the kingdom of heaven to go no more out which blessing I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus christ Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of George Braffet on July 25, 1845]

City of Joseph July 25 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of George Braffet son of James & Lucretia born Ulster Co New York 1st Februry 1804

Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal a blessing upon you for inasmuch by thy faith thou hast desired greater knowledge and this desire has inspired thine heart to unite with the Saints in the last days to become one of that number that is appointed to bear off the kingdom to the nations of the earth and because thou hast continued to search after the hidden mysteries of the kingdom and thine exertions have been to build up Zion that she might become the glory of the earth I therefore seal upon thine head all the blessings powers and privileges of the Holy Priesthood that in thine appointments thy ministry may be blessed and thy labors help to roll on the kingdom build up the church and gather together the lost remnants of the house of Israel for it is unto thy Bretheren [Brethren] who are scattered that thou art sent to labor and gather them up into the fold as a faithful Shepherd that guardeth well the flock and especially those who are of his own household

for thou art of Joseph[']s blood and of the household of faith angels shall administer unto thee the Spirit of truth shall guide thy steps and those who cleave unto thee shall find Salvation in the heavenly mansion and thou shalt receive a crown of glory at God[']s right hand and it shall it be given unto thee to have power over thy kindred and over thy father[']s house and many shall praise the name of the most high God that they had ever heard thy Voice and thy testimony after many days, shall bring thee much fruit so gird up thy loins dear Brother and set all things in order prepare thyself for the coming Lord and the work of the ministry for thy labors shall increase upon thee and when thou art perfected thy Salvation shall be great in the presence of God & the Lamb for evermore even an inheritance for ever sealed by the authority of the Holy Priesthood on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Vienna Shearer on July 25, 1845]

City of Joseph July 25. 1845. A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Vienna Shearer daughter of Henry & Lucinda Jacques born Essex Co Massachusetts June 10th 1787

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing and one that shall continue upon thee throughout all thy days, because of thy faith in the fulness of the Gospel the promises made by the fathers concerning Salvation is now sealed and confirmed upon thy head even a Salvation temporal and Spiritual for as a daughter of Abraham thou art justified because of thy faith which is the faith of Abraham which faith has borne thee off conqueror to this present

time and like Abraham who was commanded to sacrifice his only son Issac [Isaac] thou hast made thy great & last sacrifice even all of this world[']s good thy Soul body & Spirit consecrated to God in building up his righteous and holy kingdom on the earth and in being thus willing to follow out the order of God and keep the holy commandment

thy labors shall be rewarded yea even tenfold upon thy head and when the history of the past has been counted up and all thy journeyings with all the sacrifices and good thou hast done shall be recorded upon the Records of Israel thy name shall still be made glorious and the fulness of thy Salvation shall fill thy heart with gladness then in peace thou shalt sit down in Zion & walk her streets unmolested and with Joseph[']s remnants thy Salvation shall be greatly extolled for as one of the seed of Joseph thou shall be numbered with the 144,000 partaking of the power and glory of the Priesthood of those who are called the honored ones of the earth and the glory of this Salvation from this time shall greatly increase upon thee and as the day of thy final deliverance approaches the way shall grow brighter and brighter & by wisdom and in judgement thy footsteps shall be directed and guided in the straight and narrow path until the fulness of the glory of the latter dispensation shall open to thy view & thy Soul shall enter into perfect rest and with loud Hossannas [Hosannas] to God & the Lamb exclaim it is enough my Soul is full and thou shalt be rewarded and thy reward is great

and all thy past afflictions and scenes of sorrow and grief shall be forgotten and shall not be remembered any more forever and it shall not be said any longer that as an orphan child thou hast been driven forth upon a heartless world or as a pilgrim and stranger journeying among strangers but as one who is made nigh by the blood of christ shall sit down in the kingdom of God with father Mother Brothers & Sisters and all of thy kindred who shall bless thee & thy Salvation shall be made perfect for in the kingdom of heaven thou shalt realize the fulfilment of all of this blessing and no power shall wrest it from thee but it shall be the crown of thy Salvation for all the pains and sufferings of this life for I seal it upon thy head even a Salvation that is everlasting in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Oliver Y. Shores on July 25, 1845]

City of Joseph July 25th 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Oliver Y Shores son of Martin & Sarah born Morris Co New Jersey August 1807

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing in the name of Jesus Christ, a blessing that shall be fulfilled upon thy head even to the uttermost for the Lord has remembered thee and heard thy prayers and gathered thee up as one that was lost on the mountains for as like sheep the house of Israel have been scattered among the Gentiles and their offspring among the nations even in a cloudy and dark day hath it been but the time has now come when according to the promises made with the fathers these Remnants who have been lost shall be gathered into the latter day kingdom and no power on earth can prevent the accomplishment of this work for it has been given unto thee with many of thy Bretheren [Brethren] to take a part in this last ministry and of this work thy glory shall be for it will be required at thine hand the labors of thy ministry

for as a Special Witness thou hast been called to a great and glorious work and of those that have been thus called cometh all the glory & power of this latter dispensation by the Revelation of Jesus christ therefore I shall number thee with the blood of Joseph & of his lineage thy posterity shall be counted and none when their labors are done — for thy voice shall be heard in distant lands shall be blessed more in the labor of their ministry when thy work is done and thy labors are gathered into the garner prepared for the day of the Revelation of Jesus christ many of thy kindred shall follow thee and hear thy Council [Counsel] & call thee the Servant of the most high God

and it shall be given unto thee to have power to rule over many kingdoms & over thine own household & kindred shalt thou preside for of thee shall come a numerous posterity and upon their head is ordained the powers and blessings of the same Priesthood and with a numerous progeny shalt thou sit down in the kingdom of heaven count up the history of thy generations and number thy forefathers and as a prince to rule and as a Priest of the most high God administer and as a king reign over many people so gird up thy loins and arm thyself for the conflict for though trials await thee yet thy conquest is sure the battle shall be won the Victory thine — afflictions no more remembered but in celestial mansions thou shalt be crowned which Salvation I seal upon thine head to dwell in the presence of God & the Lamb forevermore. Even so — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Griffiths on July 25, 1845]

City of Joseph July 25 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Sarah Griffiths daughter of John & Elizabeth Janes born Shropshire England 27 June 1788

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your [head] to bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus christ, even to seal upon thine head a blessing that shall strengthen thy Spirit and increase thy faith and prove a comfort unto thee in the times of thy deepest affliction, for the things that thou hast suffered in thy former life, shall work out for thee a greater Salvation: for when by Riches the hearts of people are exalted on high they neglect the poor, and they would sin against their own Salvation, but when by poverty they are brought down and their hearts humbled in the dust their Spirits become contrite which will bring the Salvation of God upon them, and now the time has come for thy Soul to be satisfied and thy Spirit to rest, in peace, for upon this earth when thou hast past the vail [veil], thou shalt be rewarded fourfold,

and all that has been taken from thee out of which thou hast been robbed shall be restored unto thee again, and thou shalt triumph over all thine enemies, and as the daughter of Abraham thou shalt then inherit the blessings of the earth: and the fulness thereof, and all thy former sins shall be forgotten but with Joseph's remnants and of the household of faith, shalt thou enjoy an inheritance in Zion for ever, and even the true Riches of heaven, so let thy courage fail not for by Visions and dreams even in the dark hours of the night shalt thou be instructed and thy Soul shall be comforted, thy days prolonged and thy poverty shall not increase upon thee for true Riches are thine even the riches of eternity and thou shalt be blessed in the labors of thine hands and with strength of body to bear up under all the burdens of life while life shall be desirable and in old age shalt thou go down to thy grave in peace and in the Resurrection morn thy Spirit & body shall be again united, and in celestial mansions the crown of thy Salvation shall be made perfect for this is the blessing with which thou art blessed in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of James M. Monroe on July 25, 1845]

City of Joseph 25th July 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of James M Monroe son of William & Rebecca born Erie Co Pen[n]sylvania 9th January 1822

Brother Monroe — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that is sealed and conferred upon thee according to the holy order of God and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood bringing down from thy fathers their promised blessings upon thee according to that birthright which is thine in thy father[']s house descending from father to son when that Priesthood to which thou art called is in living exercise the power thereof excepting only that portion of time that this Priesthood has been lost from thy forefathers through the apostacy of the ancient church of christ but again according to right by the Revelations of Jesus christ thy birthright is made known and upon thy head is sealed the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood

for there shall be given to thee an appointment to labor in the ministry in lands afar off and in places where the Gospel has not been preached. and as a messenger of peace thou shalt be borne off with Angels care and even that knowledge that has inspired the hearts of Prophets & holy men in days of old shall inspire thine and from bondage thy captive Soul shall be set free and unfettered from Sectarian tradition and bigotry thy Soul & Spirit like the bird uncaged shall rise and explore the boundless fields of knowledge and understand the greatness the majesty & power of celestial beings and kingdoms yet unknown to man and if ever Paul visited the third heavens and saw and heard things unlawful to be uttered so shalt thou treasure up wisdom and knowle[d]ge and it shall be given unto thee to comprehend the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heavens and all that was ever revealed to men, for with Jacob[']s remnants and Joseph house thou shalt receive an inheritance and with stars in the crown of thy rejoicing

thou shalt return to the house of the Lord when thou art aged laden with many sheaves numbered with the horns of Joseph that shall stand as numerous as the sands on the seashore and with all the glorified Saints thy garments washed in the blood of the Lamb to count up the history of thy generations to preside over the labors of thy ministry and as a mighty prince in thy father[']s house and with a presidency and a name honored and exalted thou shalt stand and rule & preside over many people even kingdoms and thrones shall be thine & thy Salvation shall be made more glorious than the noble Lords or rich Potentates of the earth for with the power of the Priesthood shall thou rule and govern many people and none shall dispute thy right and all the immunities privileges and glories of an exaltation at the right hand of God with all the necessary powers and blessings to perfect thy happiness and seal for ever upon thy head all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom with a Salvation that is eternal everlasting and immortal by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of him who was slain on Calvary for the sins of the world even Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Robert Campbell on July 25, 1845]

City of Joseph 25th July 1845. A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Robt Campbell son of Alexander and Agnes born Kilbarchan Renfrewshire Scotland 21st January 1825

Beloved brother Robert — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, and a blessing that shall continue upon thy head and for[e]tell thy future prospects, and what the Lord has in store for thee for thou art one of that number that has been gathered from among the Gentiles and one that the Lord has remembered and by his providence has pointed thee out as one of Joseph[']s remnants, and from the nations of the earth hath he gathered thee out and brought thee to Zion. This has been done that thy Salvation might be made perfect and that as one of the horns of Joseph that is called to gather the people together in this last dispensation, this ministry has been appointed unto thee & greater enduements [endowments] await thee, and then shalt thou see the situation of the world lying before thee and thy Spirit shall aspire after the Salvation of the house of Israel and of thy Bretheren [Brethren] who are of thy blood even the household of Joseph,

and many shall hear thy voice even in distant lands and they of thy kindred and shall be gathered in the last days into the kingdom and be saved, even many of them as the fruits of thy labors, then shall the power of the Holy Priesthood increase upon thee for it is sealed upon thy head and the heads of thy posterity after thee by an irrevocable Decree & unto thee the promises of God that have been made by the fathers shall never fail for as one of the house of Israel who claims by heirship and legal descent the blessings powers & privileges of the holy Priesthood thine inheritance shall be appointed unto thee by lot and with the children of Ephraim and all the sons of Joseph thou shalt inherit the earth with many blessings thereupon, and all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom shall be thine with great power and glory upon thy head

and after thy labors are done thou shalt after many days return to Zion and great shall be the crown of

thy rejoicing for thy Bretheren [Brethren] shall come as clouds and as doves to the windows and as the good wheat is prepared for the garner they shall come and as a shock of corn that is fully ripe thou shalt sit down in Zion and enjoy thy inheritance in peace for ever. thy name shall be enrolled among the honored ones of the earth and thy priesthood shall beget thee great praise among thy Bretheren [Brethren] and with fond remembrance shall thy goodness in days to come be cherished in the hearts of thousands and a multitude shall call thee blessed forevermore and thy faith through all this journey of life and by the sealing blessings of the Holy Priesthood upon thy head thou shalt find a safe admittance into the celestial kingdom of God and in the Resurrection morn receive a crown of glory that shall exalt thee in celestial mansions and thy praise to God & the Lamb shall never end for I seal this Salvation upon thee even that life which now is & that which is to come even a Salvation that is immortal to dwell in the presence of God & the Lamb forever more Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonathan Wilson on July 26, 1845]

City of Joseph July 26th 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jonathan Wilson son of Jeremiah & Eunice born Windham Co Vermont 6 June 1781.

Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, one that shall prove a great support and comfort unto thee in times to come, fortelling thy future prospects, and every blessing grace power privileges and exaltations that awaiteth thee for although thy troubles in years and days that are past hath made many times thy Spirit disconsolate & thou hast been weighed down and troubled in mind because of many things, yet thy Spirit and Soul shall yet live and triumph over the power of oppression, and the time shall come when thy former afflictions shall all be forgotten & thy Sins shall be remembered no more for ever and by the Spirit of truth through faith in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt be restored to all that has been lost both of body & mind.

thy health shall increase upon thee, and thy mind shall become strengthened & from this time the power of God & the wisdom of God shall increase upon thee, and that ministry to which thou hast been called shall be unto thee a source of consolation when that office by thee has been magnified all the powers privileges of the Holy Priesthood shall be upon thine head and thy voice shall yet be heard in the congregations of the wicked, and as a Gospel trump it shall be heard by many and bring forth much Salvation, therefore gird up thy loins prepare thyself for the great enduement [endowment], for there are many blessings laid up in store for thee, and they and they shall come upon thy head, be faithful in thy ministry for thou art called to a great and glorious work to gather up the lost sheep of the house of Israel, to be one of the horns of Joseph to gather together his Bretheren [Brethren] of whose blood thou art —

and as their Brother the powers of thy ministry having been given into thy hands a dispensation it belongeth to thee by right to officiate as a Messenger, as a Savior to the Remnants of Joseph, who are of thy father[']s house and when all the promises made upon their heads are fulfilled in the last days they shall be gathered from every nation, stand as a great multitude that no man can number then shall thy joys be full thy work finished and all thy labors gathered into the kingdom, then shalt thou see the Salvation of thine own father[']s house, of thine own household, and of all thy kindred for it is given unto thee to exercise dominion & power & preside over many, and exaltations powers kingdoms and dominions with all the glory and privileges — blessings of celestial mansions — and a Salvation that shall never end I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus Christ — Even so. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of William Griffiths on July 28, 1845]

City of Joseph July 28th 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of William Griffiths son of Edward & Sarah born Staffordshire England 8 Sep[tembe]r 1797

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that the glories of the kingdom of God may increase upon you, and your Spirit be raised up from it drooping and thine heart be comforted in thy last days, for they will be thy best days altho it has been thy common lot to suffer poverty distress and afflictions, yet these have come upon thee to humble thy Soul in the dust, and to bring up thy Spirit in the last days and thy body to be gathered with the children of Zion, to be numbered with Joseph[']s remnants of whose blood thou art that the decrees of God and his purposes fail not but bring forth according to their purpose Salvation upon thine own head, it is for this purpose that the God of heaven has brought thee from a distant land and preserved thee through many dangers to come to Zion, here let thy Soul and body rest in peace, thy Salvation is made sure and none can take it from thy hands for although temptations may arise and because of many things thy Soul may be brought down into sorrow and grief yet thou shalt live and thy Soul shall not die for in heaven where all thy sufferings are o[v]er, thou shalt be crowned with a Salvation that is after the power of an endless life and in Zion thou shalt have an everlasting inheritance and the power of this blessing shall never fail for I seal it upon thine head in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Thomas Crooks on July 28, 1845]

Nauvoo July 28th 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Thomas Crooks son of Thomas & Sophia born Berwickshire Scotland in the year 1791

Beloved Brother. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, and one that shall continue throughout all thy generations, for it is the firm decree of Almighty God that the seed of Joseph should be blessed with all Spiritual blessings, and thou art of that stock even of the household of faith and thy praise shall abound in the midst of the earth because of this seed becometh the first born sons of Ephraim then thou art numbered with the horns of Joseph and as an heir of the celestial kingdom thy name shall be enrolled with the honored ones and even among those who are called according to the election of grace,

therefore thou art blessed with this blessing now sealed upon thy head bringing back again that which is lost restoring the Priesthood to the Remnants of Israel with whom thou art numbered making thee an exalted heir and a partaker of greater blessings & privileges that has never yet been made known among the Gentiles and that they will never attain to because of unbelief, but unto thee it shall be given to understand all mysteries in the proper time thereof, for the fulness of thy Salvation is not yet made known but it shall be revealed unto thee in the own due time of the Lord & all they who are of thy household shall hear it, and thy voice shall be as the voice of a trumpet and the testimony thou shalt bear shall prove a Savor of life unto life or of death unto death and many who have troubled thee in times past shall become powerless and thou shalt triumph [trump] over them all who are thy enemies, and it shall be thy reward to exercise power and dominion over them & to sit down in the kingdom of heaven when thou hast done all thy labors with Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob and all the holy Prophets & with thy kindred to rejoice forevermore and this Salvation is thine and no power can take it from thee for I seal it upon thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Rachael Serrine on July 28, 1845]

City of Joseph July 28th 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Rachael Serrine daughter of Eliphaz & Amerallah Chillet born New Haven Co Connecticut 28th March 1824

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ to seal upon you a father[']s

blessing that thy faith and strength may increase and that the glory of the Latter day kingdom may be unfolded in its fulness and thy Soul be made to rejoice in the beauty and glory of Zion for this is the blessing that I now seal upon thy head that is after the power of an endless life; a glorious immortality and a name written even golden letters in the archives of heaven enrolled upon sacred records deposited in the temple of God in the holiest of all, for it shall be given unto thee to live to see the prosperity and glory of Zion until her perfection and beauty shall go forth as a Lamp that burneth the Saints receive their enduement [endowment] and then shalt thou explore every apartment of the house of the Lord

and all the work thou hast to perform shall be made known unto thee in the own due time of the Lord by the manifestation of his holy Spirit and it shall come to pass because of the faithfulness of thy heart and the integrity of thy Soul that thy name shall be enrolled with the honored ones of the earth and him who has been appointed as thy companion here on earth shall prove thy Savior and thy Deliverer on Mount Zion and he shall preside over thee and great shall be his reward in the kingdom of heaven; & with honor & great praise thy name shall be handed down to posterity and with fond remembrance it shall be cherished by many, for as a Mother in Israel thou shalt be called blessed and as one of Joseph[']s remnants that has been gathered from thee [the] midst of the earth thou shalt be numbered with the multitude of Israel, for thou art of the seed of Joseph and of his lineage shall thy blood be counted a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith and when thou art perfected in thy Salvation none shall be made more glorious in their place, for as an ornament in the kingdom of heaven

thou shalt shine forth as one of the Stars of the firmament, and none shall outshine thee in all their glory for with Angels thy voice shall be heard and that too with praises and Hosannas [Hosannas] to the most high God and it shall not be said of thee that thy losses and sacrifices are in vain, or that it is in vain that thou hast journeyed from a distant land to join with the Saints of the most high God. but for all there shall be restored unto thee fourfold even long life Riches peace honor glory & immortality & that life which is to come with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom & an exaltation at the right hand of God to dwell in his presence for ever in celestial mansions which blessing I seal upon thine head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Arnold Stevens on July 28, 1845]

City of Joseph July 28. 1845 — A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Arnold Stevens son of Jonathan & Lucy born in Leeds Co Canada West August 24th 1802

Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a father[']s blessing that thy Spiritual strength may be renewed and thy courage and faith increased for upon thine head has been ordained that power and that authority from days of old even before the foundation of the world to which thou art called in the work of the ministry in these last days and thy Soul shall not faint by the way, for it shall be given unto thee by the Holy Spirit to understand the will of God & thy duty as a member in the church of Christ and a watchman upon Mount Zion for thou art called and chosen to gather up the lost sheep of the house of Israel

hence it is thy duty to travel & preach the Gospel and make it known among the Gentiles and nations that the offspring and seed of Israel may be gathered up and Zion that has mourned in the dust come forth from the wilderness put on her beautiful garments and become the joy of the whole earth, and it shall be thy lot dear Brother to be gathered with Joseph[']s remnants — of whose blood thou art. and when all thy labor is done to enjoy an inheritance in Zion for ever, and as a full shock of corn that is ripe enter into thy reward with all the fruits of thy labours round thee and they who are of thy father[']s house and all thy kindred shall be gathered round thee for as a Savior on Mount Zion shalt thou stand with the 144,000 with

garments pure and white and with the multitude that no man can number with praises and Hossannas [Hossannas] to God and the Lamb for ever

thy Soul shall rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel, and for the many sacrifices thou hast made losses and crosses endured thou shalt be rewarded fourfold, therefore gird up thy loins set thy house in order prepare thyself to receive the great endowment [endowment] of the Saints, and for the work to which thou art called, for not one whit of this blessing shall fail but shall all be fulfilled thou hast a work yet to perform then thy Salvation is made complete no power shall deprive thee of a celestial mansion for a Salvation that is truly great & after the power of an endless life I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lois Stevens on July 28, 1845]

City of Joseph July 28 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Lois Stevens daughter of Abraham & Sabra born in Canada West Leeds Co 10th March 1811.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ, to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, that in common with thy companion thy knowledge may increase and thy Spirit be exalted and that the wisdom of heaven with all its attendant powers and blessings may be upon thine head throughout all thy day and generation for unto thee shall be given to understand many things and thy Soul shall rejoice in the glory of the latter days, for after many days then cometh the power of God and although thou hast suffered afflictions and Zion has been called to mourn yet thou shalt be comforted and realize the desires of thine heart Zion become the glory of the earth and the true knowledge of God fill every heart and his power be made manifest in the deliverance and Salvation of his people, at this time thy Sins are forgiven thee because of the honesty and integrity of thy heart

and if thou wilt continue in thine obedience to thy husband and the law of God thy Soul shall rejoice and thine heart be made glad therefore dear Sister Remember all of thy covenants & thy vows, the God of heaven has been thy Support and by his loving kindness hath he preserved thee all the day long, and although like an orphan wanderer thy Spirit has mourned yet in the hours of trouble thy hope and faith hath delivered thee, and thine unconquerable Spirit has borne thee up & thy God has given thee Salvation and better days are thine

thy last days shall be thy best days, and to the joy of thine heart when Zion[']s remnants are gathered on Mount Zion, thy name shall be numbered with the righteous ones and of Joseph[']s lineage shall thy blood be counted, and as a daughter of Abraham with the blessings of Abraham and all holy Prophets upon thy head as in the days of righteousness and peace shall be upon thee and thy name shall not be forgotten and with thee shall be gathered into the kingdom of God a posterity as numerous as the sands on the seashore and with all of thy father[']s house and thy kindred, jointly with thy Companion thine own household, thou shalt sit down in the kingdom of heaven to go no more out, and not one whit of this blessing shall fail but shall all be fulfilled upon thy head for God is true and faithful and all his purposes will be fulfilled for by the authority of the Holy Priesthood and the office of Patriarch in the church of God I seal all these blessings upon thy head by a firm and irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus christ. Even so — Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Brown on July 28, 1845]

City of Joseph July 28th 1845 — A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Mary Brown daughter of Joseph & Mary Arey born Waldo Co Maine 4th January 1806

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing and one that shall continue upon thy head and prove unto thee a source of comfort and consolation, for in times when thy

Spirit has become darkened, and thy Soul bowed down because of evils if thou wilt read this blessing thy faith and strength shall increase and even from beds of sickness shalt thou be raised up and from pain and affliction be delivered for in this blessing it shall be made known unto thee, the purposes of God that shall never fail and how that concerning thee, and thy posterity that Almighty God had decreed from before the foundation of the world a power and priesthood that should save thee, and all thy household;

this Priesthood being handed down from father to son and although it has been lost from many of thy fathers, yet has been renewed again by the Revelation of God and power shall be given unto those who belong in this last dispensation to administer unto all those who are gone up to the time the Priesthood was lost, and in this dispensation all the key of knowledge and power necessary to save thy forefathers and all thy kindred, is committed into the hands of men that whatsoever they bind on earth by the authority of God shall be bound in heaven, hence thy posterity shall not be forgotten, neither shall they of thy fathers but in future it shall be made known unto thee the greater fulness of thy Salvation and the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood shall continue through out thy generations,

for as one of Joseph[']s remnants thou art numbered and of his blood with the household of faith thou shalt be gathered into the kingdom of the last days and in Zion thou shalt number all thy posterity and their names with the names of thy forefathers shall be enrol[l]ed in the Records of Israel, deposited in the archives of the temple, and even greater things that cannot be expressed in this blessing shall be unfolded unto thee, thine heart shall be made glad, and in heaven thou shalt consider it for with garments pure and a Soul that is spotless thou shalt come up through great tribulation, and with the multitude that shall gather upon Mount Zion enjoy an everlasting inheritance — all of which blessing I seal upon thy head with the powers blessings privileges of thy profession and all that thine heart desires, even a Salvation temporal & Spiritual and one that shall never end in the name of Jesus Christ — Even so — Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Henry Moor on July 28, 1845]

City of Joseph 28th July 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Henry Moor son of Jacob & Catherine born Duchess Co New York 6th August 1802

Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, praying Almighty God to seal it upon thee by his power, that it may continue upon thine head and upon the heads of thy posterity after thee unto many generations even forever, because of thy faith and the promises of God unto thee that thy Soul may enjoy the liberty of the sons of God be made free that no sin shall be numbered upon thine head, but with the stock of Israel may thy name be recorded forever, and as one of the Remnants of Joseph — for thou art one of his household by blood, and the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood that was ordained before the foundation of the world and placed upon the head of thy fathers is now sealed and placed upon thy head, and thy Voice shall yet be heard as a mighty trumpet in the Land. and they who are of thy kindred shall embrace the everlasting Gospel by thy ministry,

for thou art called and chosen as a special messenger to the nations of the earth, and thy labors from this time in the ministry shall increase upon thee, the Gentiles shall hear thy Voice and from amongst them shall be gathered those who are of thy father[']s house even the household of Joseph, the Lamanites shall also rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel and thy testimony shall be as a piercing durk [dirk] as a two-edged sword, and many of them shall come to Zion and join with the Saints and it shall be said of thee in times to come thou art numbered with the honored ones of Israel.

and thy name shall not be forgotten and in Zion shalt thou be rewarded for all thy labors for all the toils persecutions, and sacrifices thou hast made with an everlasting inheritance — then shalt thou count up the history of thy generations and with the multitude that shall assemble around thee as the fruits of thy la-

bors — thou shalt sit down in the kingdom of heaven and rest in peace — therefore dear Brother — gird up thy loins be sober watch unto prayer, prepare thyself for the work that lies before thee, for great are the blessings that await thee and the exalted Salvation that God has laid up in celestial mansions for thee and great is the work that is allotted unto thee for to do and no power shall wrest thy Salvation from thee, for I seal upon thine head the power and blessing to triumph over all thine enemies, and a Salvation temporal & Spiritual and an exaltation that shall never fail in time nor in eternity in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Cornelia Moor on July 28, 1845]

City of Joseph July 28th 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Cornelia Moor daughter of Benjamin & Margaret Boyce born Freddericksburg Co Upper Canada 15th Febry 1807

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest be blessed with strength both of body and of mind, that from this time thy Spiritual strength may be renewed and thy confidence & faith increased upon thee, Let thine heart cleave unto him whom God has appointed as thy companion let thine afflictions also be weaned from earthly objects, and be placed upon him who is mighty to save even the God of the universe, then shalt thou arise from every power that would bind thee down and shake thyself from the evils of this world, then shall Satan have no more power over thee to disturb thy peace or mar thy happiness but as one who is risen from the dust shalt thou put on beautiful garments even the garments of righteousness and to obey the law of God shall be thy delight, thy peace and greatest desire; — then it shall not be said any longer that thou art forsaken or cast out,

for although friends have told their friendship yet as an orphan child and a stranger in the midst of the earth laden with heavy burdens thou hast had to labor and when storms have gathered round thee and darkness overspread thy mind, yet thou hast put thy trust in one who is mighty and he hath raised thee up and brought thee thus far to see the prosperity of Zion & to realize the fulfilment of the desires of thine heart therefore as one of the daughters of Abraham thou art numbered with the children of Zion and of Joseph[']s stock and with his Remnants as the children of Ephraim thou shall become an inheriter of the earth an heir to the celestial kingdom, therefore dear Sister — put thy trust continually in God and he will deliver thee from the hands of thine enemies. and thou shalt triumph over all difficulties troubles and afflictions, and thy former sufferings shall all be forgotten and great shall be thy reward in the kingdom of heaven when thou hast overcome and thy work is done, for upon thy head I seal all the power and blessings of the Spiritual kingdom: that is necessary for thy Salvation even a Salvation that is immortal and that shall never end in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel B. Merrill on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch 29th July 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Samuel B Merrill Son of Samuel & Phebe born Madison Co New York 4th January 1812

Beloved Brother I lay my hands upon your head to confirm and seal upon the[e] a Patriarchal blessing by the consent and request of thy father for him and to be his blessing upon thy head for thou hast been a Singular child all thy days yet with fidelity hast thou remembered to serve and with patience thou hast been willing to endure afflictions to forbear long the world has not known thy Spirit neither hath the thoughts of thy heart been made Known to thy father[']s house for in secret thou hast pondered many things and when thou hast been cast down under the load of oppression and the burdens of life have been laid heavy upon thee with an unconquerable spirit hath thy soul struggled after liberty and with indignation hast thou looked on the wickedness of the world and viewed with an indignant heart the oppressor and the cor[r]uptions wrongs and abuses that have been heaped upon thy Brethren and of thy father[']s house & it

shall be given unto thee to be an avenger of the Blood of the Prophets & patriarchs to stand in the fierce conflict & contend for the rights of thy Brethren still it shall not be given unto thee to have a spirit of war

for peace and union is uritten [written] on the tablets of thy heart but to defend the innocent and the cause of Zion thy soul shall rise up in Mighty strength and a Mighty spirit whose power is unknown so shall not thy strength be comprehended for in the day of battle thine arm shall be vexed with the power of Laban[']s sword and unto conquest shall thou be borne off Victorious yet there is a wart appointed unto the[e] that will not require carnal weapons but the sword of the Spirit shall be thine and thy testimony shall prove a savour [savior] of life unto life or of death unto death for those who will not hear the call of this last ministry shall have no part in the first Resurrection or inherit a celestial mansion in this last dispensation & with the house of Joseph shalt thou be numbered as one of his seed and the powers & blessings of the holy Priesthood shall not be lost from thine head nor from the heads of thy posterity after thee for God has decreed it upon the heads of Joseph[']s remnants by an irrevocable decree and they according to the election of grace hath obtained it being the purpose of God all of which blessings with the privileges powers & exaltations in the Kingdom of God I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Merrill on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch July 29. 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Elizabeth Merrill daughter of Ralph & Sarah Rungan born New Jersey Warren Co 16 August 1818.

Dear Sister In the name of the holy Child Jesus I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing numbering the[e] with the daughters of Abraham because of thy peaceable and quite spirit & that faith that characterized him I have spoken and altho[ugh] thy soul has many times been bowed down in deep affliction yes thy God has been thy support he has raised the[e] up when thou hast called upon him for it is with thee as with thy companion thou art also a person of peculiar Spirit and in secret thy prayers have been made known to God and as a guardian Angel thou hast received an appointment to administer in thy [illegible] to be a comforter unto thy companion for thou art of the blood of Joseph and with him thou Shalt be exalted with all thine household and perfected in thy salvation the world has not known thy Spirit neither can they penetrate the depths of thy thoughts for the glorious fulness of this latter dispensation has opened to thine understanding those blessings & privileges that the world knows not of

& because of the integrity of thy heart to serve God & thy faithfulness to thy companion thy glory shall never fail but Angels shall be given in charge concerning the[e] and they shall watch over thee by day and by night their preserving care shall save thee from accident misfortunes and afflictions they shall be thy counsellors in times of thy distress and deliver thee when thou art pained and in sickness & one other blessing I confer upon thy head and they of thy father[']s house and all thy kindred shall be saved with the[e] in the own due time of the Lord in the kingdom of Almighty God and they who are dead shall hear the Gospel preached and in the Baptismal fount [font] shall their liberation be made known and all who have not been redeemed shall be brought for their [there] shall one stand and administer who is mighty and it shall be as the voice of Joseph unto the[e] who is thy Redeemer & thy Deliverer [Deliverer] so with Israel[']s Remnants thou shalt receive a full and complete Salvation with all thy kindred & house even a Salvation that is after the power of an endless life and one that shall never end for I seal it upon thy head by the Authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Philemon C. C. Merrill on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch July 29. 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Philemon C. C. Merrill Son of Samuel & Phebe born Genesee Co New York 12 November 1820

Dear Brother I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to seal upon you a father[']s blessing one that shall continue upon thy head throughout thy day and generation be truly descriptive of thy character and future prospects numbering the[e] with the house of Israel partaking of the same blood as thy father[']s house which is of the household of Joseph therefore according to the purposes of God ordained from before the foundation of the world thou art called and chosen unto an holy calling a Priesthood after the order of Melchisedec with all its powers and blessings & privileges according to the revelation made known in this last dispensation bringing back to earth again that which was lost giving thee power sufficient to administer salvation unto those of thy progenitors up to the time the priesthood was lost from thy fathers thou art also numbered with thy father[']s house as one who hath a peculiar spirit yet thy spirit like Melchisedec of old shall beget the great honors in thy day & as a peace maker thou shalt be crowned with Joy celestial Among thy Brethren and as Melchisedec became a king of righteousness and prince of peace so shall thou be exalted as one who is mighty in establishing peace and whose righteousness shall fail not

and when age and experience has brought a greater knowledge it shall be thine appointment for this is the blessing upon thy head to sit in the councils of Israel and as a Judge to try the causes of thy brethren and as one of the horns of Joseph that shall return laden with many sheaves thy labor shall be multiplied upon thy head for the power of thy calling shall increase until thy voice shall be heard among the Gentiles & upon the Islands of the sea it shall be thy labor to gather up Israel that are now scattered among the nations & thy testimony shall be as the voice of thunder and like the forked lightening shall it pearce the hearts of men and after many days shalt thou consider it thy days shall be lengthened out and with honor and great praise thou shall stand in the midst of thy father[']s house & thy name shall be cherished with fond remembrance unto many generations and they posterity shall become numerous for the blessings of Abraham and all holy prophets are upon thine head then shalt thou return from thy ministry & sit down in peace in Zion and enjoy an everlasting inheritance with thy kindred and the fruits of thy labours for a salvation that is immortal and that shall never fail I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyrena Merrill on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch July 29th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Cyrena Merrill daughter of Seth and Betsy Dustin born Genessee Co New York 6th January 1817

Beloved Sister In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a blessing that shall prove unto the[e] a comfort when thou art cast down and thy spirits troubled for many hath been the evils that have sought to destroy thy Peace and by the pure mercies of Christ thou hast been preserved from the snares of the evil one for some foul spirit has envied thy situation and like him who is the prince & power of the air has watched over the[e] to afflict thy body with sickness pain and distress because of the purposes of God that been has made known in these last days concerning the seed of the house of Israel it being this seed upon whom God has deemed the everlasting Priesthood thy fathers too being called to this holy order pronounced their benedictions and blessings upon the heads of their posterity and made promises unto them concerning the Holy Priesthood hence the Devil hath sought to destroy them from off the face of the earth that the names of the righteous ones might be forgotten and the power of God not made known among the children of men but thou shalt triumph over all his devices and the power of the holy Priesthood shall not be lost from the heads of thy posterity for it is now sealed and again restored by which means salvation is again proclaimed to the living and the dead it being a connecting link holding the power of that admin[i]stration and the key of knowledge that opens into all the fulness of the glory of the Latter dispensation the power of God rights and privileges plan of salvation devised for the living and the dead

and it shall be thy lot to share in part of the ministry and priesthood of thy companion and to enjoy the benefits of the power blessings and privileges thereof for with the honored ones of the earth thy name thy [sic] shall be cherished with fond remembrance and as a Mother in Israel thou shalt be called and a multitude shall rise up before the[e] and call thee blessed then shall all thy troubles cease thine afflictions shall be remembered no more for with the pure in heart who shall be gathered of Joseph[']s blood thou shalt sit down in the kingdom of heaven with Abraham Isaac & Jacob to go no more out and none shall be made more glorious in their place in all the constellations of heaven for unto the[e] it shall be given to reign with thy companion to dwell with thy kindred to live in a world where life shall never end in the presence of God and the Lamb which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Emily P. Merrill on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch July 29th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Emily P Merrill Daughter of Samuel & Phebe born Madison Co New York 2nd February 1804

Beloved Sister In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a father[']s blessing agreeable to your father[']s request that thy spirit may receive strength and that they [thy] faith may be confirmed in the fulness of the Gospel that the wisdom of God may direct the[e] in all thy steps and from all of thy former bondage be set free for it has been because of the integrity of thine heart that thou hast obtained this promise therefore thou shalt receive [receive] this blessing upon thine head and thy soul shall be freed for as a daughter of Abraham thou art Justified by faith and thy faith hath made thee whole it has been thy faith that has preserved thee thus far when troubles and tryals [trials] have arisen and the waves of affliction have come over the[e] thine unconquerable spirit has struggled and by thy prayers and the faith of thy father[']s house the God of heaven has preserved the[e] and raised thee up and the time shall come even in thy life time shalt thou consider it when the former things shall not be brought into remembrance

and when thou shalt triumph over all thine enemies even they who have sought in secret to injure thee for some evil spirit has thought to destroy the[e] and mar thy happiness and with care it has watched thy path to ensnare thee but thus far thy soul has triumphed over the cunning devices of the evil one and thou shalt continue to receive greater strength and thy soul shall be made to rejoice in the glory and salvation of the Latter day work and it shall be thy lot when Zion shall arise and put on her beautiful garments to enjoy an everlasting inheritance pure and spotless all thy sins shall be forgiven thee and there shall be gathered with the[e] all they who are of thy kindred and household that God has appointed unto thee to dwell in celestial mansions for ever thy names also shall not be forgotten but with profound respect shall it be remembered to many generations and when Joseph[']s remnants are gathered to Zion and receive the fulness of their salvation thou shalt be crowned in their midst for thou art of Joseph[']s blood and of his lineage shall thy blood be counted and in heaven with all the glorious exaltation of the saints every tear shall be wiped away from thine eyes & thy salvation shall be great and glorious and no power upon the earth shall take thy crown from the[e] for I seal the blessing of eternal life upon thy head even that life which now is and that which is to come in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal Blessing of Lucy Ann Merrill on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch Nauvoo July 29th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Lucy Ann Merrill daughter of Orin P & Emely P born Genesee Co New York 25 July 1828

Beloved sister In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing and one that shall continue throughout thy day and generation and one that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and future prospects for although in the days of thy youth yet it has been the desires of

thine heart to understand the Gospel the plan of salvation it has been thy desires for the prosperity and salvation of thine own people to see Zion prosper that thy soul might be united with the interests of the Saints and because of thy faith thou hast far realized the desires of thine heart and shall continue as a daughter of Abraham to live in the exercise of that faith that shall bring upon thy head salvation and deliverance [deliverance] from every evil from thine enemies until thou shalt receive an exaltation far beyond thy present [present] expectations for it has not entered into the heart of man neither hath it been expressed by Angels what God hath in Store for the[e]

for upon a sacred record shall thy name be written and with the wise virgins shalt thou be numbered and stand in the multitude that shall be gathered from all nations with thy name enrolled with the whole house of Israel then shall the number of thy posterity be counted up the names of thy forefathers be revealed for they were of Royal stock and administered before the altar [altar] but from the time their Priesthood has been lost there are those who shall stand and administer for them and again the Priesthood with its powers and attendant blessings according to the promises made with the fathers shall be brought back again and sealed upon their offspring and of this seed thou art numbered hence [hence] the priesthood shall not be lost from thy generations but shall continue for ever and thy name shall be had in everlasting remembrance and with all they who are of Joseph[']s remnants of whose blood thou art thy name shall be written and deposited in the archives of the temple and none shall gainsay thy prospects or discourage thy glory for with this assembled throng with those [illegible] that have come up through great tribulations thy voice shall be heard with praises & hosannas to God and the Lamb forever the powers of earth the Devil with all the powers of hell combined cannot wrest this salvation from thee for I seal it upon thy head by a firm and irrevocable decree in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Justin T. Merrill on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch 29th July 1845 A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Justin T Merrill Son of Samuel & Phebe born Madison Co new York 18th February 1806

Beloved Brother I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm upon thee a father[']s blessing and one that shall continue upon thee throughout thy day and generation for none shall be made more glorious among all the sons of God in their place when thy spirit and soul through deep afflictions & privations is humbled in the dust for then shall the day of their exaltation come for thou art also a child of a peculiar spirit and one like the wild roe of the forest ungovernable until thy soul has been weighed down by the more weightier matters & thy spirit has become satisfied with its roaming then as the roe that is tamed in true fidelity and faithfulness shalt thou come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty and should thou at any time like the lost sheep of the house of Israel wander upon the mountains yet as a faithful shepherd that gathereth his flocks shalt thou be gathered up and return to the fold for of the[e] cometh mighty strength even a spirit that was terrible from the beginning for as a fierce [fierce] lion that cometh up from the thicket that maketh the forest to tremble so shalt thy voice and thine arm be terrible and a terror to evil doers

and thy posterity after thee shall inherit the spirit of their father like the young lions in search of prey shall they be fierce and terrible and go forth as the Avenger of the blood of the Saints then shall thy deeds of Charity and labor of love with all the great good and labors thou hast done be counted up to the Joy of thine heart as so many stars in the crown of thy salvation and all thy past sins and follies shall be forgiven and for the sacrifice and afflictions thou hast endured thou shalt be rewarded fourfold and they who are of other climes shall hear thy voice and even those that now sit in the dark valley and shadow of death shall lean of thee the fulness of the Gospel and the glorious purposes of this last dispensation the children of Ephraim shall rejoice in thy testimony the seed of Joseph who are of thy blood shall come to Zion and be made glad

in the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ this blessing shall be fulfil[ed] upon thy head therefore Dear Brother gird up thy loins be faithful and labor and prepare thyself for the work for great is the labor that is prepared for the[e] and thy soul shall rejoice in it for none shall take the crown of thy salvation from thee for I seal it upon thy head by the authority of the Holy priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Cammilia Merrill on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch 29th July 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Cammilia Merrill daughter of Jacob & Mary Wirick born Bedford Co Penn[sylvania] 5th October 1816

Dear Sister In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing praying Almighty God that the rich and choice blessings of heaven may rest upon the[e] that thy soul may truly be fed with heavenly manna with Angels food that all the desires thou hast had for the glory and building up of Zion and in the righteousness of the Saints may be fully realized that wisdom may direct thy steps and that greater Joys may increase upon thee and all the afflictions thou hast endured be forgotten the spirit of truth the comforter with greater power and demonstration to be thy Teacher & instructor to make plain to thine understanding all dark and serious questions for thou art like one of old who was troubled about many things yet they have been pondered in thy heart and not even told to thy nearest friend but it shall be given the[e] from this time to have power over every troubling spirit and from bondage thy soul shall be liberated and the scriptures shall be unfolded to thine understanding and all doubt and fears removed thine household unto thee shall be a place of heaven and thy companion thy protector it shall be said of the[e] that thy last days are thy best days

for thou shalt soon see the glory of God revealed when the saints receive their endowments when with thee all who are of the household of faith the daughters of Abraham have entered into the fulness of their salvation these things shall be more perfectly understood when the temple is completed and the time comes for the greater fulness to be made known so treasure these things up in thy heart for here is wisdom the dead must hear the voice of the son of God and the living saints who are now upon the earth partake of the glorious plan of redemption and the time is not far distant when the voice of the dead shall be heard among the living and the ordinances of the house of God be administered for the Salvation of all who are of Joseph[']s seed and because thou art of this family thine exaltation is sure and thy salvation shall never fail for I seal it upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Dana Jacobs on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch 29th July 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Dana Jacobs son of Stephen & Ruth born Windom [Windsor] Co Vermont 16th July 1808

Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon upon [sic] your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing for as one that was borne out of due time and from thy childhood up the peculiar providence of God has appointed thee out and numbered thee with the children of Ephraim and of that lineage who is of the household of Joseph thou art called and chosen yet it is not made known unto me at this time whether of Ephraim or Mannasseh [Manasseh] but the Spirit saith of the household of Joseph and with Ephraim who is the firstborn shalt thou receive thine inheritance therefore dear Brother gird up thy loins prepare thyself for the coming Lord wait with patience and thy Soul shall be satisfied and every fear and doubt removed and thy Spirit shall find rest for a dispensation of the Gospel has been committed to thy trust and if thou wilt obey the voice of the Spirit and come up to thy callings receive the blessings and powers of the Holy Priesthood which have been ordained and appointed unto thee of old

the work of the ministry shall increase upon thee and the burden of the same shall be borne equally

by thy Bretheren [Brethren] and thy glory shall be of the Spiritual kingdom for by the Spirit shalt thou bear testimony and by the Spirit the hearts of many have been made glad for thou hast not been called to labor with the axe the plough and hoe or with carnal weapons to build up a Spiritual kingdom on the earth for thou art of that Priesthood holy & ordained of God that has set thee apart in his own mind and will that is of God to build up his Spiritual kingdom and bring souls unto repentance — therefore study to shew thyself approved of God rightly dividing the word of the Lord strengthening thy Bretheren [Brethren] that all things may be set in order that with the elders of Israel thou mayest hunt up the lost sheep and do thy work be faithful and watch unto prayer for the Devil seeketh to destroy thee and to overthrow thy Soul but from this hour power shall be given thee to overcome and pursue thy journey and if thou wilt trust in God him who delivered the armies of Israel from the hands of Pharaoh[']s host shall deliver thee and thy Salvation is sure for I seal it upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Zilpah Jacobs on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch 29 July 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Zilpah Jacobs daughter of Issac [Isaac] & Zilpah Mills born Genessee Co New York 28th September 1811

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to confer and seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing for thy Soul has desired an increase of knowledge, and also to become a partaker of what God has revealed in these last days and thou shalt realize the desires of thine heart because of the meekness of thy Soul and the quietness of thy Spirit humiliation bringeth on greater blessings and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal upon thine head all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom for with thee it shall be given to sit down on Mount Zion with the 144,000 to be numbered with the wise Virgins to be counted of the Royal stock of Joseph[']s blood and with thy companion shalt thou receive thine inheritance with the children of Ephraim it shall be thy lot to sit down in the king[dom] of heaven with many of thy father[']s house and even those who have cast thee out and persecuted thee shall come bending unto thee and acknowledge the testimony thou hast borne by thy faith & works and they shall call thee blessed for evermore

thy days shall be lengthened out and thy body and mind shall be invigorated & Satan shall not have power to bring thee to an untimely grave but when with a firm grasp he has seised [seized] thy Spirit the power of this sealed blessing upon thy head shall chain him fast and thy Spirit shall be set free heavenly messengers shall visit thee and in dreams and in Visions [Visions] thou shalt be taught of the Lord and although scoffers frown and the heathen imagine vain things and have persecuted thee for the mind and will of God shall be unfolded unto thee notwithstanding and thou shalt be led by a true and living way even the path of righteousness and none but the righteous shall travel therein and by Angels care shalt thou be protected all the day long and when with age thy body is laid in the grave thy Spirit shall rest in peace and mingle with the just made perfect and in the Resurrection morn with all thy kindren [kindred] shalt thou be exalted in celestial mansions as a reward of all thy labors and the sacrifices thou hast made then thy troubles shall cease then all thy sorrowing is o'er and thy Salvation is made complete and no power shall take it from thee for I seal it upon thy head even a Salvation that is immortal everlasting and that shall never fail in the name of Jesus Christ — Even so — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Levenna Johnson on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch July 29th 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Levenna Johnson daughter of Lewis and Almyra Weaver born Otswego [Oswego] Co New York 21st Sepr 1819

Dear Sister — In the name of Jesus christ and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing praying almighty God to bless you with the joys of

heaven the blessings of an eternal Salvation for of thy sorrows none but thee have pondered them in their hearts for when thy Soul has been pained because of evils and thy Spirit depressed it has been in secret that thou hast pondered these things & thy prayers and faith has brought thee deliverance and when there was none not even a friend on earth to console thy drooping Spirits thy God has been thy support and he alone hath preserved and comforted thee, but these scenes of sorrow shall not increase upon thee

for thou shalt put thy trust in one who is mighty to save and he shall be thy deliverer and when all the appointments of God are made known and the fulness of his purposes revealed it shall be thy Soul[']s delight to understand these things and obey the law of God hence their [there] shall be a greater increase of knowledge and of power that shall bring to pass thy Salvation temporal & Spiritual therefore better days are thine let thy heart be comforted for from this hour it shall be given thee to understand the secret of God[']s power and the principles of thy deliverance for thy Spirit shall not longer be pained for I seal upon thy head the blessings of Abraham & Issac [Isaac] & Jacob which is long life the blessings of the earth health peace prosperity and many friends celestial mansions a heavenly kingdom —

and with the daughters of Abraham thy name shall be handed down to posterity for of thee shall come a great and mighty people and they who are of Joseph[']s seed for thou art of his blood and of that Royal stock that according to the promises made unto the fathers shall be as numerous as the sands on the sea shore the stars of heaven that no man can number and with all the assembled Israel of God in the kingdom of immortal glory thy name shall be had in great praise and as a mother in Israel thou shalt be called & many shall call thee blessed with this blessing and all the qualifications of the Spiritual kingdom I seal thee up unto eternal life and upon thine head a Salvation that shall never end in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Catherine Swenk on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch 29th July 1845 — A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Catherine Swenk daughter of Wallantine & Elizabeth Ettleman born Bucks Co Pen[sylvania] 24th March 1760

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ to seal upon you a father[']s blessing for thou shalt realize the desires of thine heart in full the God of heaven shall bless thee & thy Soul shall rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel and as one of the daughters of Zion thy name shall be enrolled upon the records of Israel deposited in the archives of the temple in the holiest of all and that long looked for day shall come upon thee and thy Salvation shall be made perfect and the time shall come when thou shalt sit down in the temple of God and count up the history of thy generations and although thou hast seen many years yet thou shalt live to enjoy this blessing then shalt thou exclaim mine eyes have seen thy Salvation it has been good for me to have been here and all the sufferings and toils of thy former life shall be forgotten and thy praise shall be had in everlasting remembrance for Zion shall be the place of thine inheritance and no power shall prevent thee from entering into thy rest for thou art a descendant of the Prophets of old of that stock and family to whom the promises were made and with Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob and all they who were of thy kindred and of thy father[']s house thou shalt be blessed forevermore

and it shall be no longer said of thee that thou art a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief for as an orphan child thou hast been laden with many burdens and amongst strangers thy lot has been cast while enemies have raged around thee but thy Salvation shall come and shall not tarry for it is sure and no power can wrest it from thee for all the labors thou hast done thy works are remembered & shall be rewarded upon thy head for thou art of the family of Joseph the seed and offspring of Jacob and of his Salvation thy glory shall be and with Joseph the Prophet who was the messenger of this last dispensation thy Soul shall rejoice in the kingdom of God then shalt thou understand more perfectly the fulfilment of this blessing upon thy head and even that that God has not allowed Angels to express neither hath it entered into the heart of man shall

be unfolded unto thee & thy reward shall be great and it shall be given unto thee to understand before thy body is laid in the grave the full and complete order of the kingdom of heaven that as a pattern of heavenly things is set up here on the earth then shall thy body & Spirit rest in peace thy Spirit mingle with the just and in the Resurrection possess all the fulness of a celestial glory in mansions prepared for thee which blessing I seal upon thy head even eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Swanner on July 29, 1845]

Union branch 29th July 1845 — Wm Smith Patriarch's blessing on Samuel Swanner son of John & Sussannah born Chester Co Pen[n]sylvania 20th April 1811

Beloved Brother I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ to bless you with a father[']s blessing and to seal instruction upon thee that thy wisdom may increase that wherein of thy good may be evil spoken of or thy evils may have a tendency to do thee harm that from this time all the works of the past may be buried for ever, that thy Soul may be raised from the power of darkness and be delivered from every chain and bondage that has made thee fast for it has been the desires of thine heart to labor in the ministry to do good to preach the Gospel to thy Bretheren [Brethren] & to bring Souls into the kingdom, yet some foul and evil Spirit has watched thy path and laid a snare for thy Soul and endeavored to bring thee down into captivity and so destroy and bind thy Spirit that all of thy future usefulness might be hindered, but the days of thy captivity shall not be all the days of thy life for when the Saints receive thine [their] enduement [endowment] — the Elders of Israel their anointings then shall the opening glories of this latter dispensation beam with greater effulgence upon thine understanding then Lo and behold thy deliverance shall come

and like the bird uncaged thy Soul shall be set free to flit itself in distant lands and amidst thy starry heavens — the trackless skies thy Spirit shall rove ungovernable in the far off distance until lost in the contemplation of heaven the knowledge of God — the glories blessings and privileges that God has in store for the faithful then shall thy praise abound thy Spirit freed power shall be given unto thee even according to thy ministry that ministry to which thou art ordained the high & holy Priesthood & it shall be given unto thee to inherit kingdoms dominion & power & all they who are of thy household over whom thou shalt preside in righteousness shall be honored with the blessings of the celestial kingdom and the power of thy ministry shall increase upon thee and thy labor shall be great and many shall hear thy voice & praise the name of the Most high God so gird up thy loins — for thou art of Joseph[']s seed prepare thyself set thy house in order let all things be done according to the Law of God keep thyself pure tha[t] the blessings of the Holy Priesthood may exalt thee in celestial mansions for thine heart hath desired it and thy Soul has thirsted after the waters of life and thou shalt be satisfied for of a fulness shalt thou drink of the pure waters, & none shall be made more glorious when thou art perfected with all thy household for with a numerous multitude as the fruits of thy labors it shall be given thee to sit down in the kingdom of heaven and go no more out sealed upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Rachael Swanner on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch 29th July 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch's blessing on Rachael Swanner daughter of Thomas and Esther Test born New Jersey 12th day of September 1803

Dear Sister. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you according to the holy order of God, a blessing that is purely Patriarchal even a father[']s blessing, for thou art one of a peculiar Spirit for into bondage the Devil has sought to ensnare thee and bind thy Soul fast and because of strange questions that have arisen thy Spirit has been troubled but the purposes of God cannot fail and the

time shall come when thou shalt see it and understand it and thy Soul shall be comforted because of thy faith for as a daughter of Abraham when ever sacrifice in this world has been made like Abraham who was commanded to offer his son Issac [Isaac] for all shall be restored unto thee again that was lost or sacrifices thou hast made and when thy Spirit becomes again troubled if thou wilt put thy trust in God all dark and mysterious questions shall be removed out of the way thy duty shall be made known and thy path straight,

and if thou wilt obey the law of the celestial kingdom and abide the decisions of him who is appointed as thy companion and the council of those who are called as thy Bretheren [Brethren] thy glory shall not fail neither shall another take thy place but with Angels thou shalt be numbered and none of all the bright stars of heaven shall shine with more glory in their place for with praises upon thy tongue and with hosannas [hosannas] upon thy lips shalt thou join with all the glorified throng see Zion prosper enjoy an everlasting inheritance in her have thy name enrolled with the righteous ones & with Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob sit down in a more exalted mansion than will even be given to the Kings & Potentates of the earth they shall call thee blessed as a Mother in Israel and thy goodness and praise shall be heard of many and when thou art aged for death shall not have power over thee until thou hast seen a greater fulness and blessings of the latter dispensation and as a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith and also of the stock of Joseph shall thy lineage be counted and his glory shall be upon thine head and all thine household for I seal it upon thee even that Salvation that is after the power of an endless life in the name of Jesus Christ Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lewis S. Dalrymple on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch 29 July 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on the head of Lewis S Dalrymple son of Hercules & Betsy born Saratoga Co New York 8th October 1809

Beloved brother. With feelings of respect and esteem I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ to seal upon you according to the holy order of God a blessing that is purely Patriarchal — a father[']s blessing & one that shall continue upon thy head and prove unto thee a Salvation in times of trouble and deep distress, for when thou art afflicted and cast down if thou wilt read this blessing and exercise faith in the true & living God thy Sins shall be forgiven from sickness and pain thou shalt be delivered and thy Spirit shall be recovered from all its losses by oppression for thou hast been cast forth into the world as one that had not the parental care and the fostering hand of guardian protection and as an orphan child a wanderer among strangers it has been thy lot to suffer affliction and experience the cold and heartless corruptions of the wicked, yet it has been the peculiar providence of God that hath preserved thee and gathered thee up from thy wanderings as a sheep that was lost upon the mountains and brought thee to unite with the Saints to join with the fold

then the time shall come dear Brother — that it shall no longer be said of thee that thou art a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief some kind Angel shall administer unto thee & Angels shall be given in charge concerning thee & they shall bear thee up & thou shalt triumph with a glorious triumph for riches & honor immortality and eternal life is crowned upon thy head, and when all the follies of youth are forgotten and thy Soul is strengthened with the judgement of old age like David the severant [servant] of God thine arm shall be nerved to the battle and like him who is the Shepherd of the good sheep thou shalt be crown with success in thy ministry — who became our Prophet Priest and king, and has made thee an heir with himself to an incorruptible inheritance, and when the children of Ephraim are numbered throughout all their generations and Joseph who was sold into Egypt their father sit down as a mighty prince and Patriarch to preside over his posterity it shall be given thee by lot to possess an inheritance in his kingdom with his Remnants and all the fulness of the earth shall be crowned upon their heads and because thy are of thy

Bretheren [Brethren] thou shalt inherit it and no power shall take this blessing from off thy head for I seal it upon thee by a firm & determined decree in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Jerusha Dalrymple on July 29, 1845]

Union Branch July 29th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jerusha Dalrymple daughter of Issac [Isaac] and Zilpha Mills born Vermont 28th January 1809

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a father[']s blessing to seal upon thee at this time according to the holy order of God handed down by Patriarchs & Prophets from days of old renewing upon thy head the promises and blessings that were made by the fathers and rightfully belongs to thee by lineage for by the Spirit of this last Dispensation thou hast been gathered up as one of the seed of the house of Israel for the Scriptures have said that Israel had been scattered in a cloudy and dark day and their seed should be made known among the Gentiles and their offspring among the nations and thus it has come to pass in this thy day that thou hast been made known as one of that scattered branch and by the peculiar providence of God thou hast been pointed out and the everlasting Covenant has been remembered upon thy head and although like Israel thou hast turned thy face to the smiter and thy back to the heavy burdens of life & like him who is thy Companion past through the waters of affliction,

yet thy Spirit unconquerable shall live when thy enemies are left in the shades of death then thy bitter cup shall pass and thy Soul shall enjoy a greater fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of christ even that life that now is and that life which is to come and to the joy of thine heart shalt thou see all they of thy father[']s house come and sit down in the kingdom of heaven with thee for the lost shall be found and the Sinner shall repent of his sins and the vile persecutor shall cease to oppress and the wicked shall feel the reward of their own doings and be beaten with many stripes and the return of the prodigal[']s son shall be rewarded with the preparation of the fatted calf prepared upon the table and all sins and blasphemies shall be forgiven except the sin against the Holy Ghost which sin is the shedding of innocent blood this sin shall not be forgiven in this world nor in the world to come but unto thee the purposes of God shall never fail for thou art numbered with the righteous of the Lord and as a daughter of Abraham and of the household of Joseph thy praise shall abound & thy voice mingle with the Angels of heaven and no power shall wrest this Salvation from thee for with all thy kindred thou shalt be made perfect this is the blessing therefore with which thou art blessed A Salvation with all of thy kindred & father[']s house in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lucian V. Sanger on July 30, 1845]

Nauvoo 30th July 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Lucian V Sanger son of David & Mary born Livingston Co New York 14th May 1816

Beloved friend — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing this blessing upon thine head not be as fully descriptive of thy character and future prospects as though thou wert a member of Christ[']s body yet upon thine head shall be made known at this time thy duty for thou art a child of a peculiar spirit yet the liberality of thy Soul has gained thee favor in the sight of the people it is therefore thy duty inasmuch as thou hast not yet been baptized for a remission of sins that thou shalt follow the example of thy Savior and obey all his precepts, this shall bring upon thy head greater joys & thine heart shall rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel and although temptations have arisen to entice thee to disbelieve yet there is a Spirit that tells thee that all these things are true and that it is thy duty to obey the Gospel of Christ it shall not continue to be thus in all thy days for when age and experience comes on thy thy judgement shall increase and all the follies of youth shall be forgiven

and in the Councils of the just thou shalt be numbered with the house of Israel for thou art an Ephraimite by blood a descendant of Joseph whose glory shall never fail and according to the promises made with the fathers decreed from before the foundation of the world the power and blessing of the Holy Priesthood is sealed and confirmed upon the heads of thy posterity and even upon thine head shall it come — for although in the days of thy youth thou wilt leave undone the more weightier matters yet when thy Soul is bowed down thou shalt come to the fold as a sheep that was lost and thy name shall be enrolled with the honored ones [ones] of the earth

and through thine obedience thy Sins shall all be forgiven and the power of the Holy Priesthood shall increase upon thee and it shall be said that thou art an honor to thy father[']s house for of thee shall come a mighty people and thy posterity shall be great in the land and it shall be of thee as when a fierce lion roareth in the forest — thy voice shall be terrible and thy testimony to the confounding of thine enemies for the Lord hath appointed unto thee a work & in thy last days shalt thou consider it for thy days shall be lengthened out and thy voice shall yet be heard in the midst of many people and if thou art true & faithful to the calling of this latter dispensation none shall be made more glorious in their place and thy name shall be cherished with fond remembrance upon the hearts of many

therefore Dear Brother for so I will call thee gird up thy loins prepare thyself come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty that with thy father[']s house and all thy kindred thou mayest stand on Mount Zion with the 144,000 with garments pure and white for this is the blessing with which thou art blessed honor riches peace prosperity & happiness friends home and country a Salvation that is immortal and that shall never end if thou art faithful and true in the name of Jesus christ A[me]n

[Patriarchal blessing of Thomas S. Williams on July 30, 1845]

Union Branch 30 July 1845 — A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the he[a]d of Thos S. Williams son of Alexander & Isabella born Murray Co Ten[n]essee 2d Jany 1826

Dear Brother — According to the holy order of God I lay my hands upon your head to seal a father[']s blessing upon you, and in this blessing thy duty shall be made known, for thou art a child of a peculiar Spirit & like the fierce lion of the forest that cometh up from the thicket in search of prey whose strength is mighty and whose Spirit is unconquerable, so it is with thee, yet the fear of God is before thine eyes it is thy Disposition to reverence the aged and venerate ancient characters to love respect and esteem even the tombs of ancient Prophets, thy Spirit shall not slumber in darkness but shall mingle with holy worthies, and with fond remembrance shalt thou cherish in thy bosom a love for those who are dead, and even when thy faith is plighted thy Spirit shall prove true unto death for it is not in thee to turn a traitor nor to disgrace thy Bretheren [Brethren] but with true fidelity of heart wilt thou serve a friend

and the liberality of thy Soul is not peculiar to many for it is because of this that poverty will still continue with thee, yet the true Riches of heaven are thine and the blessings of the earth and them who will put their trust in thee shall find a faithful and confiding friend for it is the fierce Spirit of the Lion whose angry growl makes the very forest to tremble has kept thy Soul and body thus far above the waves of affliction and thy God who has regarded thee as a chosen Vessel as one of the children of Ephraim which blood runs in thy veins for upon the heads of this posterity has been ordained the powers & blessings of the Holy Priesthood & the honors of this Priesthood shall not be lost from thee

for the time shall come when with thy Bretheren [Brethren] thou shalt take a part of this last ministry which ministry shall prove thy Salvation, the Salvation of thine own household for it shall be handed down from father to son and thy name shall be named upon many after thee and throughout all thy generations there shall be a power that shall build up the kingdom of heaven upon the earth & because of their mighty

faith even those who are of thy descent they shall become a mighty people in the midst of the earth this then is the blessing of a father upon thee be faithful learn to be patient & study meekness Let thy Soul be humble & thine heart cleave to God & all shall be well with thee in thy house & kindred & none shall take thy crown for I seal thee up to eternal life & upon thine head the blessing of an eternal Salvation in the name of Jesus christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Albina M. Williams on July 30, 1845]

Union Branch 30th July 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Albina M Williams daughter of Samuel & Phebe Merrill born Genessee Co New York 25 July 1826

Beloved Sister — In the name of almighty God and by the authority of the holy Priesthood I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm a father[']s blessing upon you praying that the choicest of Heavens blessing may rest upon thee that thy days may be lengthened out and thy health to continue thy faith and courage increase that no evil Spirit may destroy thee or thy domestic enjoyments for the Lord dear Sister has preserved thee by his peculiar providence to the present time and because of the honesty and integrity of thy heart, that integrity of Soul which like the unwearied Sun pursues its course unchanged so thy Spirit in deep meditation has reflected upon many things, but the love and affections thou hast had for thy Companion has given thee strength to stand firm and unshaken as if built upon the rock of ages yet because of thy youth and inexperience thy mind sometimes becomes fearful thy Spirit unbelieving but as age and experience comes on thou shalt be more stable in thy ways and no power under heaven can change thy course

it is now appointed unto thee to stand as a ministering angel to thy husband to be unto him a comforter when his Soul is wearied and faint to abide his instructions that thy glory may never fail and when thy Soul is bowed down in sorrow and grief some kind messenger shall administer to thee and to thy relief and he who is thy companion shall be thy Redeemer & thy Savior so be faithful dear Sister put away all doubts & fears & trust in God & by faith call on him who is mighty to save & he shall protect thee and raise thee up from deep trouble thy name shall be remembered down to many generations & thy glory shall be seen of the daughters of Abraham for with the household of faith thou shalt be numbered not as a foreigner or a stranger but a fellow heir and citizen of that house and in the own due time of the Lord a greater fulness of the Gospel shall be made known unto thee and with the blood of the Royal stock shalt thy lineage be counted even of the household of Joseph and even when old age comes on thy days shall yet be made glorious and as a comforter thou shall prove to thy father[']s house & thy Soul shall yet live & thy Spirit freed from the bondage of this world shall inherit eternal life and not one whit of this blessing shall fail but shall all be fulfilled upon thy head for I seal it upon thee even a blessing of a never fading glory in the presence of the Lamb for ever in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Levi Runyan on July 30, 1845]

Union Branch 30th July 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Levi Runyan son of Ralph & Sarah born Warren Co New Jersey 20th May 1820

Beloved Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus christ with a father[']s blessing that thou mayest be a terror to evil doers, and that thy strength may increase upon thee, and that thy name may become great and glorious in the midst of thy Bretheren [Brethren] for according to the purposes of God the Priesthood after the holy order with all the powers & privileges shall be sealed upon thy head, with appointments and ordinations greater than thou hast yet received, and because of thy perservering [persevering] Spirit the true fidelity and integrity of thy heart, for with faithfulness art thou willing to save thy Bretheren [Brethren], thou shalt receive a greater exaltation even that exaltation

that belongs to the Servants of the most high God, and a greater portion of the Holy Spirit shall be given unto thee, and thy power shall increase, and when thou prayest the heavens shall be opened Angels shall be sent to administer unto thee, and by Visions [Visions] and Dreams the will of God shall be unfolded, and the powers and blessings of the Spiritual kingdom shall be thine

for unto thee is appointed to do a great work in the land, and although enemies may deride thee & scoff at thy word, yet thy courage shall increase and thine unconquerable Spirit shall give thee power over scoffers, for with reasoning that is truly Philosophical and by wisdom that cometh from on high none can resist the power of thy testimony & in mighty strength shall thou rise up in the midst of this generation, and as a faithful watchman upon the walls of Zion warn the nations of the impending storms that await them, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers to do the work of Elijah possessing a portion of Elijah's spirit for these are the days of tribulation the times of wars & rumours of wars and when by the Spirit of Revelation thou shalt look upon the world and behold the corruptions thereof, thy Soul shall be pained then shall thou rise up like Melchisedec of old to establish peace in the land and gather out the lost sheep of the house of Israel

then shalt thou see Zion go forth as a Lamp that burneth and all that war against her shall be brought to nought for terrible shall be the judgements in the Land in thy day thou shalt see it, even thunderings, light[e]nings, plagues, pestilence, famines, distress of nations the sun darkened, and the moon turned to blood and if thou art faithful in that holy thing that is intrusted with thee thou shalt come up on Mount Zion as a Savior of many of thy Bretheren [Brethren] who are of the seed of Joseph of whose blood thou art, to be numbered with the 144,000 this shall be thy ministry, thy glory, thy power, and thy Salvation for I seal it upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sally Ann Runyan on July 30, 1845]

Union branch 30th July 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Sally Ann Runyan daughter of Ralph & Sarah born Warren Co New Jersey 6th May 1834

Dear Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall prove as a guide unto thee in the days of thy youth that the powers of thy mind may be increased and thy body invigorated that sickness may not destroy thee neither pain nor evils that arise for although temptations may be strewed in thy path yet this blessing now sealed upon thy head shall preserve thee from the grasp of the evil one and not at any time shall thy feet deviate from the path of true virtue and holiness when thy mind has become sufficiently strengthened to see the evils and corruptions of the world and with praise and honor thy name shall be handed down to posterity and all they who shall form an acquaintance [acquaintance] with thee and thy Spirit shall respect and honor thee and the example thou shalt set before those of thy sex shall be followed & pat[t]erned by thousands & in the multitude of the Saints when thou art aged thou shalt behold a numerous posterity and as a Mother in Israel thou shalt be called blessed

and in time there shall be given unto thee a Companion one who is ordained of God unto the Holy Priesthood and he shall be thy firm friend and thy protector all the days of thy life for thy days shall be lengthened with his and death shall not cut thee off from the face of the earth until thou hast seen the fulness of the glory of the Latter days then dear Sister give thyself unto prayer watch and be faithful and thou shalt see many days of peace & prosperity in the kingdom of God on the earth and there shall be given thee fathers, mothers, Brothers, & Sisters home and friends & as a living ornament in the church of God with many blessings upon thy head thou shalt be preserved unto a good work unto a glorious crown & exalted Resurrection celestial mansions in the presence of God & the Lamb forever for this is the blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so — Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe Merrill on July 30, 1845]

Union Branch July 30th 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Phebe L Merrill daughter of Samuel & Phebe born Genessee Co New York 5 August 1831

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head according to the holy order of God handed down by Patriarchs to seal upon you a father[']s blessing by his request that the blessings of Prophets with which they blessed their children when they were old and about to be gathered home to the land of their fathers they called their children around them & blessed them with blessings sealed upon their heads that preserved them in all their lifetime and as firm as the pillars of heaven they were bound and held by an Almighty grasp that preserved them from the power of the Devil and gave them a safe passport into the kingdom of heaven the same blessing is now sealed upon thy head by the power of the same Priesthood and that authority that is truly Patriarchal in the church of God —

the follies of thy youth are nearly past age and experience brings on better judgement there is no sin that has turned thy feet from the path of true fidelity thy Soul is yet free from the influence & bondage of Satan and to thy father[']s house for years to come thou shalt prove a solace and comfort and never shall they be called to mourn the loss or evils of fallen depravity or [of] their child for with peculiar care the providence of God shall direct thy steps and altho thou art yet in the slippery paths of youth yet thou shalt be guided by true wisdom and thy path shall be made straight & thy way most glorious the Spirit of loving kindness shall characterize all thy works for there is no Spirit clothed in mortal flesh that shall be made more glorious in their place for after the glories of the ce[le]stial kingdom thy Soul shall aspire until it has drank of a fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of christ & when doubts & fears temptations or evils arise abundant grace shall be given unto thee

and thy Soul shall yet live & enjoy the liberty of the children of God dear Sister then remember thy prayers and all thy vows and Covenants to thy Cod with patience endure all things and thou shalt enjoy a Salvation temporal & Spiritual that shall be most glorious with all of thy father[']s house for thou art made most worthy and thy Sins are all forgiven thee and thy Soul shall be comforted and thou shalt be prospered and thy days lengthened out and thy joy shall be full for thou art of that noble blood that Royal stock which is of the household of faith and of the seed of Joseph so of his glory thy Salvation shall be and of the faith of Abraham thou shalt be blessed and as a daughter of that honored Patriarch thou shalt be numbered in the day of coming events for thy days shall be ended in peace and thy Soul shall rest in heaven where God and christ is a Salvation that shall never end in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Lorenzo Pettit on July 30, 1845]

Union Branch 30 July 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Lorenzo Pettit son of James & Phebe born Queens Co New York 26 July, 1825

Dear Brother — In the name of the holy child Jesus I lay my hands upon your head according to the order of Patriarchs in the church of God to seal upon you a father[']s blessing even a blessing that shall be descriptive of thy character & future prospects for thou art one numbered in this last dispensation whose faith hath preserved thee and kept thee until this present time and it shall not be said of thee that thou art orphan wanderer neither shall thy Spirits fail for although afflictions has been strewed in thy path and the days of thy youth have been filled up with much sorrowing yet him on whom thou hast put thy trust has preserved thee even through deep dangers and although temptations have arisen to draw thee away from the path of rectitude yet thy Soul has triumphed and with a glorious deliverance for from a distant country thou hast journeyed to join with the Saints that Zion might be the land of thy home and thy Soul feast upon heavenly things

therefore dear Brother gird up thy loins prepare thyself for the work that lies before thee and by thy works and labor of love shew forth the true praises of God let thine heart respond with a firm compliance to the will of God in all things and let thy Soul rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel and when all the follies of youth are past and thy wisdom shall increase as one of the judges of Israel thou shalt sit in the Councils of the just and try the causes of thy Bretheren [Brethren] but be cautious

and again I say unto thee here is wisdom and he that heareth let him understand let thy thoughts be pure & thy desires holy and seek to build up thy Bretheren [Brethren] and to establish peace in the land the Devil desires to sift thee as wheat and as chaff before the wind let charity increase upon thee which is the bond of perfectness then shall thy liberality be seen of those who are of the household of faith and thy praise shall abound amongst many let thy Spirit aspire after that nobleness of Soul that every selfish principle may be thrown away that the cause of thy Bretheren [Brethren] who are of the household of Joseph of whose blood thou art may lye [lie] near thy heart the poor and the needy be blessed the wants of the hungry supplied then shall thy Soul feast in fatness & thine heart rejoice with the oil of gladness thy ministry in time to come with all the fulness of the blessings pertaining therein unto shall be appointed unto thee with the blessings of eternal Salvation upon thy head which blessing I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Forne on July 30, 1845]

Union Branch 30th July 1845 — A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Mary Forne daughter of Daniel & Catherine Benner born Bucks Co. Pen[n]sylvania 23d Mar[ch] 1790.

Beloved Brother — [sic; Sister] In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to confirm upon you a Patriarchal blessing, because of thy faith for thou hast desired to understand much and to become more acquainted with the principles of Salvation as revealed in this last dispensation the promises of God unto thee dear Sister are yea and Amen thou shalt understand and realize all the desires of thine heart because thou art numbered in the everlasting Covenant which covenant God made with Abraham & confirmed the same upon Jacob wherein Salvation is made known upon all the Israel of God and it shall be thy lot to share in this blessing of Salvation and thy Spiritual strength shall be increased and that wisdom that cometh from heaven shall direct all thy steps and no evil Spirit shall bring thee down into bondage to deprive thee of the glorious resurrection of the just as is promised unto thee in the covenant made before unto the fathers

for an inheritance shall be given unto thee by lot when the promised land given unto Joseph shall be divided among his Remnants, and when the twelve tribes have apportioned to them all their inheritance it is therefore made known unto thee at this time that thou art a descendant of Joseph through the loins of Mannasseh [Manasseh] many of thy fathers have partaken of the blood of Judah yet they are of Royal stock and shall be gathered with thee upon the inheritances of Ephraim then shall the blessings of the earth and fulness thereof with all the blessings of the Spiritual and heavenly kingdom be poured out upon thy head thy Sins shall be forgotten and all thine afflictions remembered no more for ever but with grace and honor love and charity Salvation immortality and eternal life shalt thou be crowned in the kingdom of heaven to go [no] more out in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Barbara Study on July 30, 1845]

Union Branch 30th July 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Barbara Study daughter of Daniel & Catherine Benner born Bucks Co Pen[n]sylvania 30 Sept 1792

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head according to the holy

order of Patriarchs in the church of God to seal and confirm upon you a Patriarchal blessing for thou art one of the daughters of Abraham a descendant of that noble Patriarch to whom God made promises and who in his day prophesied a blessing on all his posterity and even to the last his dying benedictions according to the oath that he had sworn to Almighty God that his seed should not be forgotten but remembered in a land of promise this promise was confirmed unto Jacob and in all coming ages has been a proverb among Israel that when God could swear by no greater he swore by himself hence the decrees of God are unalterable

for by an oath he had said it was impossible for him to lie the seed of promise should be made known down to many generations from father to son through the lineage of many Prophets partaking of the blood of holy men and in the history of this Royal family according to the purposes of God they were to be remembered with the powers and blessings of the holy Priesthood therefore it has become thy lot to be gathered into Abraham['s] kingdom and the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom shall not be lost from the heads of thy posterity for the blessings with which thou art blessed shall prove thy Salvation and shall be unto thee long life many friends true riches immortality and eternal life to inherit the earth with those of Joseph['s] remnants when the earth shall be purified and cleansed by fire Then shall thou come up as a full shock of corn that is ripe in the Resurrection morn then shalt thou exclaim my father my mother my Brothers and my Sisters my Bretheren [Brethren] and all my household for they shall be with thee for like the prodigal['s] son shall they be returned to thine arms then shall thy Salvation be made complete so let thy Spirit be comforted & thy Soul rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel for in the world of Spirits thy body again shall be invigorated & shine forth with the bloom of youth and all thy troubles shall be swallowed up in the victory of the cross pain nor grief shall not be felt nor feared more this then is thy Blessing the Salvation of thy body & Spirit in the presence of God & the Lamb for ever in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen

[Patriarchal Blessing of Gad Sprague on July 30, 1845]

Union branch 30th July 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Gad Sprague son of Hezekiah & Abigail born Simpronus Co New York 2d November 1810

Beloved brother. I lay my hands upon your head according to the holy order of God to seal upon you a father['s] blessing for unto thee it is given to be blessed with that blessing that was pronounced by Jacob upon the heads of his posterity and the promises that were made by these Holy Patriarchs shall bring thy Soul up from the thick and dark clouds of the night like the ox from his burden for thou art one upon whom has been appointed with thy Bretheren [Brethren] to a work unknown to the Gentiles and whose Spirit — shall be like the adder that is concealed by the path that layeth hold of the heels of the passerby for it is peculiar to thy Spirit to look with indignation upon those who have afflicted wrongs upon thy Bretheren [Brethren] and as a mighty warrior in the day of battle when thou art driven to the contest by fierce anger shalt thou avenge the blood of thy Bretheren [Brethren]

therefore there is a work that is appointed unto thee that is peculiar above all thy Bretheren [Brethren] for as the children of Ephraim in the forest none shall know thy hiding place, and if any should wish to understand thy character & the work appointed thee let them read the blessings of Dan which are written for he was to be a secret enemy by the way hid in the thicket to avenge this wrongs but his curse shall not be thy curse yet his blessing shall be thy blessing for thou art a descendant of the house of Caleb partaking some little of the blood of Dan as made known by the Spirit in this blessing & like the fierce tempest or the waves of the troubled Sea when thy Soul is troubled because of wrongs thou shalt be borne on until Vengeance hath been afflicted on those who are the murderers of Prophets

yet there are none whose Spirit is more calm or Soul more contrite or heart humbled in the dust but the secret of thy power has not been made to the Gentiles neither hath thy Bretheren [Brethren] under-

stood it for in the fury of a mighty tempest thy Soul shall yet stretch itself and thine arm be nerved with mighty power over thine enemies then shall the raging elements cease and thy Soul in the silent calm unruffled when storms and afflictions have passed away shall rest in peace and with those who are of thy Bretheren [Brethren] that shall be gathered out of every nation kindred tongue & people thou shalt sit down upon Mount Zion and rest in peace for ever this is the blessing with which thou art blessed which I now seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lydia Ann Rogers (not dated but probably July 1845)]

A blessing by William Smith Patriarch upon the head of Lydia Ann Rogers daughter of Samuel & Poley Smith born in Shaftsbury Bennington Co Vermont July 30th 1823

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing one that shall continue throughout thy day and generation and afford thee comfort and consolation, when thou art in trouble and distressed, thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, yet the days of thy greatest trouble are past, thy Spirits shall revive again and be comforted and thou shalt have the desires of thy heart, and triumph over all thine enemies, for they shall not have power to destroy thy body, to take away thy life, neither shall the Devil have power to injure thy peace or destroy thy faith, for thou art numbered with the seed of the house of Israel and one of the elect according to the purposes purposes of God,

and as a daughter of Abraham shalt thou shine forth in the kingdom of heaven. and as one of the bright stars of the constellations none shall be made more glorious in their place or outshine thee in all the bright mansions of heaven, for with garments pure shalt thou come up on mount Zion numbered with the hundred and forty four thousand as Joseph[']s remnants who have been gathered from the four corners of the earth for thou art of his blood and lineage, and thy glory shall never fail, for thou shalt be numbered in a kingdom with others and thy companion with thee, and not many days hence, thou shalt be blessed with the privilege of his Society and thine heart shall rejoice in the preserving care of God that has been over him unto whom thy heart cleaveth, and thy Spirit shall no longer mourn, thine heart shall be comforted with the glorious promise of the Gospel and the cause of Zion shall still be near thy heart, and all the desires of thy heart shall yet be realized concerning Zion, her cause shall be thy cause and her Salvation thy Salvation.

and with mighty power shall thine heart cleave unto her It shall be thy joy to hear of her prosperity. it shall be thy consolation to learn of her glory, and although thy Soul may be pained for the wickedness of the people and the distress [distress] of the poor, yet in the secret hours of the night shall thy Soul be fed with that knowledge from heaven, which shall raise thy drooping Spirits from the grovelling things of earth and paint to thy view the brighter prospects of heaven and thy Soul shall be satisfied Angels shall be charged concerning thee, and they shall direct thy steps and by Visions and dreams shall the true knowledge of God be unfolded unto thee, and altho hell may rage and people imagine vain things, yet thou shalt be prospered temporally and Spiritually and fine friends for the God of heaven hath Spoken it, and upon thine head I seal all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom and a Salvation that shall never end in the kingdom of almighty God by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Smith (not dated but probably July 1845)]

A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Polly Smith daughter of Jedediah and Mary Fuller born in Bennington Bennington Co. Vermont Aug 29 1787

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ, to confer and seal upon your head a father[']s blessing, and one that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and of thy future prospects numbering thee with the house of Israel as a daughter of Abraham, and of the household of faith for it

has been thy faith in thy God, and in the work of this last dispensation that has brought thee thus far, for with buoyant with the prospects of the building up of Zion, thou hast been willing to sacrifice thy home, thy country and friends to visit this land to obtain an inheritance in Zion the land of promise.

Thy Spirits have been much depressed and weighed down in sorrow and trouble, but under this load of affliction the God of heaven will preserve thee and his loving-kindness shall be around about thee and his mercy shall be strewed in thy path. Even a greater portion of the holy Spirit shall be given unto thee to be thy Comforter and when thou art far away thou shalt remember Zion and thy prayers shall be in her behalf, thy faith shall be increased and thou shalt receive strength, and thy joys shall increase upon thee. The days that are past shall suffice for all the afflictions thou hast suffered, better days are thine and thy last days shall be thy best days, and the time is coming when thou shalt enjoy a great deliverance from all thy troubles, and thou shalt know and understand the mercy of God and his preserving care that has been over thee

and how that all the day long he has borne thee up by night and day, and preserved thee from the hands of thine enemies, be comforted then dear Sister, for thou shalt yet see Zion prosper arise and put on her beautiful garments, the time when oppression shall cease and when thy Soul shall enjoy liberty and from bondage be set free, and in Zion shalt thou have an inheritance, for with the multitude of Israel shalt thou be gathered, and be numbered with the seed of Joseph of whose blood thou art, it shall be thy privilege with thy companion to sit down in the holy temple of God count up the history of all thy days and number thy posterity & have them gathered round thee with the names of thy fathers that shall be revealed in times to come written upon sacred Records

thy voice shall be heard in the midst of the large congregations of the Saints and the baptismal font shall bear record of the deeds of charity thou hast done and thy labor of love for the dead shall hear the voice of the son of God and thee [they] who are in prison shall be delivered and be brought into a celestial kingdom and thy name shall be made great and glorious when thy Salvation is completed, and with many other blessings shall thy Soul be comforted and joys that are unspeakable shall be thine, thou shalt be prospered then from this time and all thy wounds shall be healed, none shall take thy crown for I seal upon thine head all these blessings, even the blessing of eternal life a Salvation that is immortal and that shall never end by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ Amen

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Blessings by William Smith
Dated August 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of John A. Maxwell on August 1, 1845]

City of Joseph 1st August 1845 Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on John A Maxwell son of John and Mary born Washington Co Maryland 8th February 1784

Beloved Brother. In christ[']s name I lay my hands on your head and seal upon you a father[']s blessing, holy men of old prophesied of this day and thy posterity that because thou art numbered with the house of Israel thy name with that of thy household shall be remembered in the blessings of the everlasting covenant for by it thou hast been called from among the Gentiles to an holy [word or words missing from copy of blessing] out of Babylon as a chosen vessell [vessel] on whom to confer sealing blessings privileges and powers of the holy Priesthood such as was decreed on the Royal seed for they were to be gathered in the last days and sit sown with Abraham Isaac & Jacob in the kingdom of heaven with them thou shalt be numbered even among the horns of Joseph for of Ephraim thy lineage shall be counted and with them thou shalt receive thine inheritance by lot and great shall be thy Salvation ponder well these things.

prepare thyself and thy household. that thou mayest be numbered with those who stand at the head of this dispensation where thy glory shall be in Zion thou shalt perform thy labors as a Savior and a Redeemer in Israel and as a Patriarch over thine own household and as a judge in Israel thou shalt rule and preside in judgement thou shalt be led into all truth see the glory of God revealed and in Zion realize the desires of thine heart thy days shall be lengthened out and the time shall come when it shall not be said thou art smitten afflicted killed and persecuted all the day long for all thy labors toils privations sacrifices shall be rewarded with a crown filled with many stars upon thy head and all thy losses be restored, all thy kindred and thee shall rest in peace in Zion thy everlasting home, thou art blessed with long life — much posterity — the blessings of earth and heaven a crown of glory at God[']s right hand and with the Israel of God to reign as a king and mighty prince which Blessing I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Catherine Maxwell on August 1, 1845]

City of Joseph 1st Augt 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on Catherine Maxwell daughter of Jacob & Mary born Pen[n]sylvania 11th day of October 1784

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal a blessing upon you that shall continue throughout thy day and generation sealed by the authority of the holy Priesthood for Patriarchs of old have seen thy day and prophesied of thee as one of their children who of Joseph[']s remnants like sheep had been scattered without a shepherd but were remembered in the dying benedictions of Prophets and Patriarchs and by the spirit of Revelation. it was made known to them by the decreed number of God how that all Is-

rael should be saved as it is written and that by the administrations of Angels in the last dispensation the sealing power by means of the everlasting covenant should gather up this Israel in fulfilment of the promises made by the fathers

therefore thou art designated as one of the house of Israel and appointed out as the seed of Joseph and shall receive a salvation temporal and spiritual a promised land the blessings of old age — of the earth, that life which now is, of heaven and that life which is to come this is the blessing I seal on thee a complete Salvation to be restored to the fold with all the sheep of the good shepherd in the kingdom of heaven crowned with the blessings of Joseph and Ephraim which blessing partaking of the Spirit of Elijah will turn the hearts of thy kindred and this will be the effect of the power given thee that thy spirit with those of thine household partaking also of the powers privileges of all the right that pertains to thy Membership in christ[']s church partaking also of the same blessings which are on thy companion[']s head that with united exertion all thy household shall be made partakers of the glories of this last dispensation sharing in the blessings of the Resurrection and the plan of redemption so that when the history of thy posterity and the names of thy forefathers were made known then shall thy salvation be made complete when all have been redeemed thy joys shall be full for thou shalt be crowned with honor immortality and eternal life for I seal it upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ann Sheffield on August 1, 1845]

City of Joseph Augt 1 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on Mary ann Sheffield daughter of Barnold and Elizabeth Covington born Bedfordshire England 31st March 1815.

Dear sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you the blessing according to God[']s order it is because of his promises to the fathers concerning their seed thou art numbered in this dispensation as one of the daughters of Abraham thy faith has given thee God[']s favor thy righteousness shall not be forgotten because of thy integrity thy sins are forgiven, and as a legal heir to that inheritance that belongs to the Israel of God thou shalt inherit it in Zion forever, thy joys nor thy name shall never pass away but thy name shall be named upon many and be cherished with fond remembrance unto many generations thou shalt be numb[er]ed with the wise virgins to come up in thy place in the Resurrection and stand in Thy lot on Mount Zion in the lineage of Joseph shall thy generations be numbered a[n]d they of thy father[']s house for they are of his blood unto thy testimony and voi[ce] thy kindred shall give ear thou shalt live to meet with many of them in the land of promise for they shall come to Zion to receive their exaltation with the Saints. all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom are thine no power or blessin[g] sufficient to send salvation to thy father[']s house shall be withheld, this is thy Blessing to inherit the Society of friends to be gathered with thy father[']s hou[se] in the kingdom of heaven with all thy kindred where the multitude of Israe[l] are gathered and thy name shall be enrolled with the honored ones crown[ed] with a celestial mansion with a glorious Salvation and eternal life which Blessing I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus christ by the authority of the Holy Priesthood Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of William G. Sterrat on August 1, 1845]

City of Joseph 1 Augt 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch's blessing on William G Sterrat son of Reuben and Anna born chester Co Penn 4th June 1813

Beloved Brother. In christ[']s name I seal a father[']s blessing upon thee which will comfort thee when distressed thou art of Joseph through the sons of Ephraim, thy fathers administered before the alter [altar] and were scattered when their hearts had forsaken the right way, but in the last days God made promises concerning them therefore all the Israel of God shall be saved and not even a Remnant left with this

seed thou art numbered and by the everlasting covenant gathered from the Gentiles and thy inheritance appointed thee in Zion where thy faith shall increase, thy sins forgiven thee and thy spirit shall find rest. thou hast seen much trouble and as a wayfaring man passed through great afflictions gird up thy loins prepare thyself for a great work lies before thee arm thyself for the conflict give thyself to fasting and prayer look for the things about to be revealed and the labor thou hast to perform in thy ministry and go to the nations and gather the Israel of God thy testimony shall bring forth much fruit thy labors shall be greatly blessed, thou shalt live to see it. thy days shall be lengthened out and thy name made most glorious among the children of Zion. the priesthood shall not pass from thee nor thy posterity and with great triumph after thy labors in the ministry is done thou shalt return to Zion laden with sheaves crowned with riches immortality and eternal life to sit down in the kingdom of Abraham Isaac [Isaac] & Jacob and all holy Prophets and apostles to go no more out for this blessing is sealed on thy head in Jesus christ's name Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha M. Cotten on August 1, 1845]

Joseph's city 1st Augt 1845 Wm Smith Patriarch's blessing on Martha M Cotten daughter of Ezekial & Jane Stout born Indiana 12th April 1816

Beloved sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father's blessing thou art of a peculiar spirit the world hath not known thee — thou hast pondered in secret and it is through deep affliction thou hast struggled thus far to see the glory of Zion & to join with the saints thy afflictions shall suffice for thy past sins and be of good cheer the kingdom is thine & thou shalt inherit it, it is thy father's good will to give it thee for by thy deep troubles and privations of thy past life thy soul has been brought to humility and because of the integrity of thine heart better days are thine for as a daughter of Abraham thy name shall be written on the Records of Israel and as one of Jacob's household be crowned with all the blessings that the fathers pronounced upon their posterity, then thy reward shall be great even tenfold to stand with the wise Virgins upon Mount Zion to claim thy lot and place and with him who God has appointed thy companion to enjoy a salvation of thine own household and all thy father's house with thee, for so shall thy praise be multiplied that a numerous posterity shall rise up and call thee blessed and a Mother in Israel this blessing shall never fail for thou art blessed with long life — much peace. to sit down in the kingdom of heaven with Abraham Isaac [Isaac] & Jacob to go no more out to triumph over thy foes — to dwell in the presence of God and the Lamb which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of John Needham on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4 August 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of John Needham son of James & Mary born Leeds Yorkshire England 1st April 1819.

Dear Brother. In the name of the Lord Jesus christ I seal and confirm upon your head a Patriarchal blessing laying my hand upon you according to the holy order of Patriarch as established in the church of christ even from days of old in this blessing thy duty shall be made known and many of the purposes of God concerning thee for with honor thy name shall be had in after generations the faith and integrity of thy heart shall beget thee a place in the hearts of many and a place numbered with the honored ones of the earth who are of the horns of Joseph and of the seed of Israel for according to the promises made unto the fathers because of the Royal seed thou art called and thine appointment is unto a Ministry that by Revelation shall be given to thy trust a Priesthood that has once been lost but now is restored again according to the promises made and sealed upon thy head and shall follow up thy generations after thee from father to son therefore thou art numbered with this holy seed of promise and great shall be thy reward because of the labors of thy ministry which is appointed unto thee for thy voice shall yet be heard in nations afar off for they who are of

thy kindred must also be brought and enjoy an inheritance with thee then shall the desires of thine heart be fulfilled and from faith to faith thy soul shall increase in knowledge and from one step to another shalt thou surmount every obstacle thy path is not in the wilderness but in the way the Lord points out and thou shalt yet consider it

the Lamanites shall hear thy voice for in other tongues the Gospel shall be preached to them the gift of tongues and interpretation shall be given thee, by Revelation thou shalt speak and thy tongue shall be unloosed none shall deceive thee for thou shalt have the discerning of Spirits also great wisdom even the true knowledge of God power to organize kingdoms and build up a church of God and thy glory shall be the glory and power of celestial mansions and a kingdom established by the God of heaven then with Ephraim[']s children thou shalt receive thine inheritance claiming Abraham Jacob and Joseph as thy fathers because thou art of this Royal stock and their blessings shall not fail upon thee even the Holy Priesthood powers blessings and privileges honor and true exaltation with Abraham Issac [Isaac] and all holy Prophets and apostles to sit down in the kingdom of God with all thy kindred to go no more out which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of John P. McEwan on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4th August 1845 Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on John P McEwan son of Henry & Jane born Garvahy County Down Ireland 24th February 1824

Dear Brother. In christ[']s name I lay upon your head my hand to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing for with peculiar care thou hast been preserved because of the appointments made concerning thee, thou art called as one of the hunters of Israel, thy labors shall be great, for upon thy head according to God[']s purposes from before the foundation of the world shall be placed all the authority pertaining to the Priesthood that thou mayest with thy Bretheren [Brethren] prune the vineyard for the last time thou shalt understand the times and seasons and by the Revelation of the Spirit great & marvellous [marvelous] events shall be revealed to thee thy wisdom shall increase by visions and dreams great knowledge shall be made known for thou shalt have the gifts and blessing[s] of the Gospel the discerning of Spirits; gift of tongues and interpretation none shall have power to gainsay thy word for in distant lands thy voice shall be heard and while the heathen rage and imagine vain things

the Lamanites shall rejoice in thy testimony and they who are of thy Bretheren [Brethren] thy father[']s house shall hear thy voice and incline thine ears and their hearts shall understand and with thee when thine inheritance is sealed shall they be brought into the celestial mansions where the numbering of all thy generations shall take place and thy posterity shall be counted for they shall be many who are of the house of Israel having descended from that holy Patriarch of old Abraham and Jacob Joseph of whose blood thou art therefore all the blessings pronounced by these Holy men are upon thy head even long life an inheritance upon the earth an eternal Salvation with an exaltation at God[']s right hand forever which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Noah S. Cotten on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4th Augt 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch's blessing on Noah S Cotten son of Caleb and Nancy born Rutherford Co Ten[n]essee 6th June 1811.

Dear Brother. In christ[']s name I lay my hands upon your head to seal a blessing on you to strengthen thy faith in the Gospel and secure thine inheritance in the celestial kingdom, many has been thy temptations and thy trials have been great for the Devil has designed to bring thy soul to bondage and destroy thee from the face of the earth but by the power that shall be given thee all his devices shall fail. the

Spirit saith thou hast enemies in secret yet they shall not exercise dominion over thee thy wisdom shall give thee conquest and thy integrity shall give thee power to bind thy enemies now here is a mystery let him that readeth understand and hereafter it shall be revealed to thee yet no secret power shall prosper against thee and the arm that is raised against thee and the cause of thy God shall not prosper evil spirits will come to thee with fair faces and try to deceive thee but thou shalt have the discerning of spirits and understand their secret plans be awake watch over all that God has given thee in faithfulness thy life shall be precious in the sight of God and all that is thine shall be preserved from the hands of this devourer

therefore put thy trust in God watch unto prayer for among the Remnants of Israel thou shalt receive thine inheritance and thy name shall be a praise amongst thy Bretheren [Brethren] the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood and [are] thine and shall continue upon the heads of thy posterity. thy name shall be perpetuated unto many generations & thy soul rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel Zion shall be thy delight and her Sanctuaries thy habitation, thy kinsfolk shall be given thee as a reward of thy ministry for thy voice must be heard as a special witness in this last dispensation — prepare thyself for the work that lies before thee set things in order for thou shalt receive a greater fulness of the knowledge of God pertaining to the latter day kingdom therefore thou art sealed with the holy spirit of promise and shall be crowned with honor glory immortality and eternal life which Blessing I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of John Pea on August 4, 1845]

Joseph[']s city 4th Augu[s]t 1845 Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on John Pea son of George & Sarah born York Co South Carolina 11th July 1783.

Beloved brother. In Jesus christ[']s name I lay my hands upon you to seal on thy head a Patriarchal blessing, that shall be descriptive of thy character & future prospects it shall be given thee to stand numbered with the horns of Joseph and that elect number that according to the election of grace hath obtained power blessings privileges of the Holy Priesthood which is after the power of an endless life then of Joseph's lineage thy blood shall be counted and with his Remnants thou shalt be exalted upon Mount Zion for ever then with thy labors thou shalt be blessed with an inheritance in Zion where shall be divided by lot unto all Israel there [their] inheritances — so let thy faith and courage increase for thou shalt receive for all thy losses and sacrifices an hundred fold a temporal and spiritual salvation

and when the law of the celestial kingdom is more fully made known thou shalt rejoice in the greater fulness for it has not entered into thy heart to conceive it but wait for it prepare thyself for the work that lies before thee and that Revelation that shall be made known in the due time of the Lord for all thine household with thee shall enter into the celestial kingdom and in celestial mansions thou shalt receive thy crown and to the joy of thy heart shalt thou meet with thy kindred and none shall be made more glorious in their place and if thou art true and faithful to the covenants thou hast made not one whit of this blessing shall fail but crowned with glory immortality and eternal life thou shalt sit down with Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob in the kingdom of heaven to go no more out which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Pea on August 4, 1845]

Joseph[']s city 4th Augt 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on Elizabeth Pea daughter of Thomas & Jane Knighten born Ora[n]ge Co old Virginia 17th May 1783

Dear sister, In Jesus christ[']s name I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing thy deeds of charity and labor of love has given thee favor in God[']s eyes thou hast been truly a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief and when thou hast beheld the oppression of the Saints thy soul

has been pained within thee and when the relentless hand of persecution has fallen upon thy head and those of thy house thy soul has been called yet to mourn yet these days with thee are past and thy greatest sufferings are o[v]er for thy last days shall be thy best days by faith thy judgement shall be corrected and thy knowledge increased — thy Soul has found salvation in the Gospel and this shall establish thee firm as a rock

and thy hope shall be like an anchor to thee soul no doubts and fears to trouble thee and should doubts and fears hereafter arise upon strange and mysterious questions put thy trust in God and the way shall be made plain and every difficulty be removed out of the way for unto thee pertaineth the blessings powers and glories of the celestial kingdom and shall be on the heads of thy posterity for ever even the holy Priesthood which is after Melchisedeck[']s order because thou art of the household of Joseph and of that Royal stock and noble bloo[d] all thine household partaking of this promised seed therefore is given into thy hands the times and seasons laws and governments privileges and blessings an inheritance in Zion that life which now is and that which is to come the blessings of earth and fulness thereof and the blessings of the spiritual kingdom which are thine to be numbered with the wise Virgins an[d] the 144,000 on Mount Zion and with thy companion and all thy household to enter into celestia[l] mansions all of which blessing I seal upon thee in Jesus Christ[']s name Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles Azleton on August 4, 1845]

Joseph[']s city 4th August 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on Charles Azleton son of John & Martha born Lancashire England 15th Apr[il] 1821.

Beloved Brother In Jesus christ[']s name I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, thou hast been of a peculiar spirit, thy desires have been to be great and to be blessed with wisdom and knowledge it has been these desires that have brought thee to Zion where the Saints have been appointed to receive their rest thy Soul has longed to see the Salvation of Israel and Zion built up and remaineth for thee, appointment even Priesthood authority to fill a mission to the nations of the earth to plead thy Bretheren [Brethren's] cause, true wisdom and true knowledge shall be given thee and the gift of discerning spirits and speaking other tongues a name that shall be like precious ointment for the Priesthood is also to thy posterity for of thee shall come a mighty people and their names shall be great prepare thyself watch unto prayer study to show thyself approved get wisdom and learning from the best books and works of nature seek the holy spirit that it may prepare thee for thy ministry and thy kinsfolk shall hear thy voice and thy testimony shall be sharper than a two edged sword and they shall be brought into thy inheritance with thee then shall thy salvation be made perfect and when thou art aged thou shalt see the fruits of thy labors in all of thy father[']s house and in all thy ministry then with the horns of Joseph laden [with] much fruit thou shalt sit down in the kingdom of heaven to be numbered with blood and stock of Joseph and all the promised seed and none shall be made more glorious in their place for thine is the kingdom the power and the glory [illegible] that I seal upon thy head with a crown of never fading glory in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Ira Rice on August 4, 1845]

Joseph[']s city 4th August 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch's blessing on Ira Rice son of Titus and Lois born Burkshire Vermont 28th Octr 1793.

Beloved Brother I lay my hands upon you to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing that shall hold thy spirit in that dominion and power and thy body that in the Resurrection thou shalt receive and enjoy the power of the same that is now sealed upon thee for the sealing time has come and this salvation is sealed upon thee even to be an inheriter [inheritor] of the earth to be a judge of the laws that govern the times and

seasons to be a tiller of the Soil to have command and controul [control] over the beasts of the field flocks & herds Joseph[']s blessing is thine even the dew and the deep — thou art of a peculiar spirit when thy soul is moved it cometh forth from the deep thicket like the fierce lion that maketh the forest to tremble and as a terror upon thine enemies in thy fierce anger thou canst not be turned back for so the Lord maketh thee an avenger of the blood of Prophets thou art of the horns of Joseph for the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob are upon thy head and of Joseph[']s blood shalt thy lineage be counted gird up thy loins prepare thyself that the glory of God may be seen of thee & thy household and the law of the celestial kingdom establish thy feet forever upon the rock of ages while celestial mansions are thine and a Salvation of all thy kindred in the kingdom glory crowned upon thy head every power and exaltation and a salvation which I seal upon thy head in christ[']s name Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Shorson Simpson on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4th Augt 1845 Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on Shorson Simpson son of Sabian & Guineel Connisian born in Norway 11th December 1808.

Beloved Brother. In Jesus christ[']s name I lay my hands upon your head to seal a father[']s blessing upon you — thou art of a peculiar Spirit and art of the Remnants of Israel who are to receive the promised land even the land of Joseph where the Spirit has urged thee to gather that they may stand on Zion[']s holy mount and in the house of Jacob receive the law of the Lord to be taught of his ways and walk in his paths for this cause the Spirit of God has been like a burning fire shut up in thy bones making known to thee thy duty and thine appointments that Israel might be gathered and saved as it is written — then of thy appointments thou art called and chosen to bear the message to the nations of the earth concerning the last dispensation to gather together God[']s people and they who are of thy Bretheren [Brethren] and kindred may become partakers of the Holy Priesthood and with the true Israel of God receive their inheritance

and in mighty power thy voice shall be heard thy tongue unloosed the heavens opened unto thee and the angels shall administer to thee by visions and the Revelations of Jesus christ thy ministry shall be great and made most glorious none shall have power to resist thy testimony it shall stand as a living seal upon the heads of this generation and meet them at the bar of God — thy spirit shall live to accomplish above the powers of men. and as a full shock of corn that is ripe with the fruits of the same with thy father[']s house and many of thy kindred shalt thou receive thine inheritance in Zion the blessings of heaven of earth riches salvation the holy Priesthood are thine and to inherit the society of all thy father[']s house because they are numbered with Joseph[']s remnants and his blessings and all holy Prophets are upon thine head in the Redemption of thy body and spirit in the Resurrection of the just where thy crown shall be made most glorious and thy Salvation complete which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Simpson on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4th August 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on Mary Simpson daughter of christian & Maret Hendixon born in Norway 18 March 1818.

Beloved sister In Jesus christ[']s name I lay my hands on you and confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing by the authority of an endless priesthood and this blessing shall never fail it shall prove thy comfort and support and fix by firm and determined Decree the purposes of God concerning the holy Priesthood which has come on thy fathers heads & now remembered on thy head and thy posterity and all the labors toil afflictions sacrifices privations thou hast suffered in journeying from a distant land to see the Zion of the last days built up & to join with thy Bretheren [Brethren] in the land of promise these things shall not be forgotten but be remembered and rewarded with a fourfold blessing thy name shall be cherished with fond re-

membrance thy deeds of charity and labor of love shall beget thee a glorious renown in the congregation of the Saints and of Joseph['s] blessing thou shalt be an inheriter as a legal heir for thou art of his descent and when old age comes on and thy body worn to the grave it shall rest in hope & thy spirit shall mingle with the just made perfect in the Resurrection morn thou shalt be resurrected unto life everlasting and in celestial mansions to dwell forever with all thy kindred which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ even so Amen. Rob[ert] Campbell Recorder and clerk for Wm Smith Patriarch

[Patriarchal blessing of Eliza Weaver on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph August 4th 1845 Blessing on the head of Eliza Weaver daughter of Peter & Lydia Dillan born Guilford Co North Carolina 15th October 1817

Beloved sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarch['s] blessing numbering you with the daughters of Abraham by faith which is in the name of Jesus christ which blessing shall confirm upon thy head according to the authority of the holy Priesthood the same [illegible] them in the last days for by the power of this covenant thou art saved and blest and by the light of Revelation all the blessings privileges that pertaineth to thy right as one of the daughters of Abraham shall continue to be made known unto the[e] untill all doubts and fears be removed and thy Love has become confirmed in all the fulness thair [there] is to be made known in this dispensation it has been the desires of thine heart to know and understand the will of God in all things and it has been thy faithfulness honesty and integrity of thine heart that has brought thee thus far and preserved the[e] from the grasp of death for Satan has desired to destroy the[e] and bring thy soul into captivity but because of the peculiar preserving care that has been over the[e] thou hast been kept from this bondage and power shall be given unto the[e] over every spirit over every Cor[r]uption and over the Devil to command and he shall flee away

for the Lord will not forsake the[e] in the times of thy trouble but will save the[e] even to the uttermost and with the redeemed of Israel thy soul shall shine brighter and brighter and the desires of thine heart shall be realised and the day of thine exaltation shall come and final deliverance from the power of sin pain and sickness for Joseph['s] blessing is upon thine head even the blessings of the earth of the heavens above of flocks and herds and thy labor of love and liberality of soul to administer to the wants of the needy shall be rewarded with Blessings fourfold upon thy head with that fill exercise of conscious and that liberty of soul freed from the chains of bondage that shall give the[e] full access to the tree of life and the fruits of the earth

therefore dear sister let thy spirits be comforted and when thy spirit is drooping and thy soul is bowed down because of tr[o]ubles and afflictions retire to thy secret closet make known thy complaints to thy God and the prayer of faith shall deliver the[e] for it shall not be said of the[e] that thou art an orphan wanderer neither that there is no resting place for the sole of thy foot for thou shalt have fathers mothers Brothers & sisters houses and lands home and country and thy Virtues shall pleas an entrance into many habitations and they who administer unto the[e] shall be blessed and they who speak lightly of thy name shall not enjoy the spirit but they who shall bless thee shall in no wise loose [lose] their reward and in thy lot and in thy place with a kind and faithful companion who is appointed of God thou shalt stand with the household of Joseph whose blood thou art and receive an everlasting inheritance in Zion with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom and thy kindred with the[e] crowned [crowned] with everlasting joys which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Ephraim Louse on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Pat[riarch] on the head of Ephraim Louse son of Malakiah & Ruth Born Hancock Co Maine 30th sepr [September] 1799

Beloved Brother According to the holy order of God established in his church I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing a Blessing that shall continue upon thy head throug[h]out all thy days sealed upon thine head by the authority of the holy Priesthood for it is also made known by the spirit concerning the[e] that like our savior who was smitten and afflicted so has thy body and thy spirit fallen under the hands of the smiter and thair [their] wrongs have made thee to mourn and thine heart to bleed and like the murmurings of the broken stream thy spirit has complained to thy God and uttered forth its complaints until the armies of heaven have taken cognisance of the[e] and thy Prayers shall be heard and answered upon the heads of this generation and the wrongs of the Saints shall be avenged and as an Avenger of the Blood of thy Bretheren [Brethren] shalt thou stand forth with a strong and mighty arm while the hosts of heaven shall be assembled in battle array and the arm of God shall be made bare for the salvation of his people and in Vengeance shall he tread the wine press and stain all his garments, with Blood and in his fierce anger will he slay the wicked and establish his kingdom for ever

so let the days of thy wandering cease the things of the past be buried from thy remembrance that has afflicted thy soul for thou art sealed unto the day of redemption thy Salvation is sure and thy deliverance shall come for God will avange [avenge] all thine enemies and reward the[e] for all thy labor and repay the[e] for all thy wrongs that has been inflicted upon the[e] thy Soul then rest in peace be of good cheer let thine heart be comforted for better days are thine and it shall come to pass that all that is promised the[e] in this Blessing shall be fulfilled and even that that angels have desired to look into and Prophets died without the sight shall be given the[e] to know and the fulness thereof shall be revealed in the own due time of the Lord for unto the[e] is given an everlasting inheritance in Zion with all the Blessings of the earth and no good thing shall be withheld from the[e] when Israel has been saved and the earth redeemed from her curse then with the household of faith will all the seed of promise and the house of Israel with thy father[']s house thou shalt sit down in the kingdom of heaven to inherit the earth the fulfilment of this blessing with all the powers privelages [privileges] of the holy priesthood and a glorious exaltation crowned [crowned] upon thy head in the presence of God and the Lamb for ever which Blessing I seal upon thine in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Lydia M. Louse on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Lydia M Louse daughter of Ebenezer and Abigail Macomber born Lincoln Co Massachussets [Massachusetts] 7 August 1798

Beloved sister In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing even a blessing that shall prove a comfort unto the[e] and for[e]tell thy future prospects for truly thus saith the spirit thou art a daughter of Abraham and one who has been through deep afflictions and thy soul has been bowed down while the burdens of life hath rested heavily upon the[e] a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief and it has been thy firmness and integrity of soul that has brought the[e] thus far and preserved thee through the storms through sickness and preserved the[e] from the jaws of death and the honor of thy salvation and deliverance from thy former afflictions shall be ascribed to the God of Israel one who is mighty to save it has not been in Vain that thou hast desired to see this day and to become more acquainted with the fulness of the Gospel for thy soul shall be blessed and thy spirits comforted and none among all the daughters of Abraham shall be made more glorious in their place when thy salvation is perfected for thou shalt enjoy peace of mind and thy soul shall enjoy rest thou shalt be delivered from sickness and pain

and thy last days shall be thy best days the former things shall not be brought into remembrance for all thy sins shall be forgiven and thou shalt triumph over the po[wer] of thine enemies and their [there] shall

be given unto the[e] grace and glory and no good thing shall be withheld from the[e] but with prais[e] and honor thou shalt be numbered in thy lot and place and with thy companion and all thy household enjoy an inheritance in Zion f[or]ever an inheritance shall be given unto the[e] by lot when Israel comes into possession of their promised land thou [then] shall thy portion be given the fields flocks and herds the blessings of the earth to inherit it for ever to suffer no more pain nor chilling winds to disturb thy peace no envious enemy to disturb thy soul[']s enjoyment or hinder the[e] in thy glory but with the wise and blessed Virgins thou shalt be numbered and stand on Mount Zion with the 144,000 and of Joseph shall thy lineage be called through the loins of Ephraim therefore the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob are upon thine head and no evil spirit can deprive the[e] of this salvation or ensnare the[e] into bondage for by the pour [power] of God thy soul is made free and blessings immortal are thine even everlasting honors and true riches in the kingdom of Almighty God which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Lanena S. Louse on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patria[rch] on the head of Lanena S Louse daughter of Theophilus & Sarah Fapteins born Hancock Co Maine 18th April 1818

Beloved sister I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing numbering the[e] with the Daughters of Abraham and of the seed of the house of Israel of Joseph[']s lineage and of the household of faith also one of the children of Ephraim through the loins of Ephraim hence with Ephraim[']s children thou shalt receive thy inheritance for the Blessings of holy Prophets are upon thy head and the promises they have made shall come to pass upon the[e] and thy soul shall be lifted up and exalted on high and the desires of thine heart shall never fail for thy knowledge shall be increased thy faith and thy strength and the days that are past shall suffice for all the aff[li]ctions thou hast suffered the God of Abraham will be thy support and in times to come thou shalt experience more of the powe[r] of upon thine head for in sickness thou shalt be Visited and by pour [power] shalt thou be raised and in deep affliction thou shalt call upon one who is mighty to save and he shall be thy friend and thy deliver

and thou shalt be raised up thy last days shall be thy best days thy sins are now forgiven for I seal the blessing of salvation upon thy head temporal and spiritual by an irrevocable decree and it shall be thy lot to be called blessed and a Mother in Israel many shall praise thy name in after generations and as one who is taught of the Lord thy feet shall be guided in wisdoms paths and thine example shall be worthy of imitation and thousands shall follow in thy path Israel shall be redeemed thy father[']s house shall become partakers of that redemption and thine heart shall be made glad and thy soul rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel so be comforted dear sister gird the[e] up and arm thyself to the conflict prepare thyself for the work lies before thee thy faith and thy works shall bring the[e] into an everlasting inheritance and him who has been appointed as thy Deliverer shall come and save thee in all thy days and be thy earthly joy heaven is thine the kingdom shall never be taken from the[e] neither shall its glory be wrested from thy hands for to be crowned in the kingdom of heaven with an everlasting salvation with Prophets and righteous men for ever is thine which blessin[g] I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Lydia Ann Trumbell on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4th Augt 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Lydia Ann Trumbell daughter of Samuel & Lydia born Oxford Co Maine 3d April 1819

Dear Sister In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing that shall continue upon thee throughout all thy days as a reward of thy labor of love & they deeds of charity for thy liberality of Soul & integrity of heart & faith in the fulness of the Gospel which maketh

thee a daughter as made known by the everlasting covenant & the time is come for thy joys to increase & more light to be unfolded & it shall be that when thy Soul is bowed down under deep afflictions that thy deliverance shall come & for all thy toils labors & afflictions in days that are past and gone thou shalt receive a reward even eternal life the principles of which shall be made known to thee in its greatest fulness in the times of thy troubles for in this dispensation shall be made known to prepare the Saints for the coming of Christ & to receive their Redemption & exaltation

it shall be said of thee thou art a mother in Israel whilst thy name shall be perpetuated unto many generations & named upon a multitude of thy posterity who as the house of Israel shall be gathered with the Royal stock being a descendant of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob & Joseph — whose blood runs in thy veins & with whose children thou shalt be a partaker of the same blessings pronounced upon their heads the blessings of the earth and all the fulness thereof & with heavenly gifts even that joy that is unspeakable & full of glory then shall thy enemies & those who have sought in secret to injure thee see thine exaltation & thy deliverance from the power of Satan & the hands of evil & designing men then let thy Spirit be comforted put thy trust in God for all thy sins are atoned for by thy sufferings & it shall be said of thee no longer that the troubles of the past have brought thee down for by the sp[i]rit of wisdom & knowledge & the guardian care of holy Angels thy footsteps shall be guided & the glory of thy Salvation shall increase thy Spirit buoyant with the prospects of the future shall be raised above the grovelling things of the earth & then thou shalt See Zion become the glory of the earth & realize thy desires for unto thee shall be given true wisdom & none shall be made more glorious in their place for I seal eternal life on thy head in Christ[']s name Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Sara Allen on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4th August 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Sara Allen daughter of Elison & Nancy Russell born Champaign Co Ohio 8 Febry 1817

Dear Sister — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing and one that shall prove a comfort unto thee be descriptive of thy character and future prospects for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief and as an orphan child and wanderer without even the guardian care of a parental hand yet by the peculiar mercies of God thou hast been preserved & thy Spirit is still buoyant with the prospects of better days and an increase of comfort peace & happiness some evil Spirit that has envied thy lot has with a Serpent[']s Venom sought to destroy thy peace & ensnare thy Soul & bring thee down to bondage that thy Spirit might yield to the influences and overcome by its power and by its inviting charms bring upon thee swift destruction but still thou hast been preserved by some unknown hand and the power of its enchantments shall be broken and his temptations shall not entice thee neither shall he have power to bring thee into bondage and destroy thee for ever

for the almighty hath sworn in his wrath that he will avenge the wrongs of the innocent and protect the orphan from the iron grasp of death that he will come out in judgement against the wicked and their wickedness shall be made known and their corruptions shall consign them with the hypocrite and the unbeliever so let thy courage increase Dear Sister that thy faith fail not be comforted for in this blessing upon thy head a promise is given thee that thy joy shall increase and that thy last days shall be thy best days & him whom God will appoint to be thy Companion shall be thy deliverer & thy Redeemer upon Mount Zion & for the afflictions thou hast endured shall come upon thy head a reward of glory even tenfold and that there is to come shall inspire thy heart with a greater fulness of knowledge & the past shall be forgotten for as the daughter of Abraham thy name shall be enrolled with the honored ones of the earth and none shall be made more glorious in all the constellation of heaven for as one of the bright stars thou shalt shine forth in the kingdom of God and with the daughters of Abraham receive thine inheritance and with the wise Virgins be

numbered in thy lot & place & no power shall wrest this Salvation from thine hands for I seal it upon thee in the name of Jesus christ.

[Patriarchal blessing of Gideon Brownell on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4 August 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Gideon Brownell son of Benjamin & Mary born Rutland Co Vermont 5th May 1789

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing this blessing has come upon thy head because of thy faith and diligence thy prayers and thy labor of love for the Lord has heard thy prayers and like David of old he has blessed thee out of the heavens and raised thee up from deep mire it might be said of thee truly thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief yet the days of thy greatest troubles are past & thy last days shall be thy best days & with great honor thou shalt be gathered into the land of thy fathers when thou art aged and thy body is worn down with years even the land of Joseph that was given as a promised land & of his blood thou art & in his lineage shall thy inheritance be in this inheritance of Joseph[']s shall all of thy father[']s house & those of thine own house become partakers

then shalt thou understand this blessing & the fulness of which Prophets have written concerning the many mansions in the father[']s house — this lifetime shall atone for thy Sins in the world to come thou shalt have no suffering but continual joy & peace for ever Satan's power shall begin to cease & thy burden lighter & yoke easier from this time — thou shalt have power to rebuke diseases & evil Spirits & they shall stand rebuked thy Priesthood shall continue upon thee & thy children[']s children for ever & as a Patriarch over thine own household & at the head of a numerous posterity thou shalt preside over many when thy journeyings are o[v]er thou shalt be crowned with the labors of thy ministry & thy works with thrones dominions more exalting than Lords & potency and as a king thou shalt rule in righteousness & as a mighty prince thou shalt administer over thine inheritance even that heritage that shall be given thee of the Lord in judgement justice & mercy & thy ways peace thy paths pleasantness honored with the Society of Abraham & all holy Prophets to sit down in the kingdom of God to go no more out which blessing I seal upon thy head in christ[']s name. Amen Rob[ert] Campbell Recorder — abridged

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Brownell on August 4, 1845]

City of Joseph 4 Augt 1845 — A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Elizabeth Brownell daughter of Randell & Experience Wheeler born in New Hampshire 16th Octr 1845 [sic; 1789]

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands upon you in Jesus christ[']s name to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing. thou art a daughter of Abraham — the blessings of Abraham are thine & thy seed after thee for of thee it shall be said thou art blessed as a mother in Israel thy name shall be revered by all the daughters of Zion because of thy faithfulness & integrity none can gainsay thee & that arm raised in judgement against thee God will destroy. — His power has been over thee & preserved thee from the Devil his cun[n]ing devices has sought to bring thee down to Sectarian bondage but from the strong traditions of men thou hast been delivered. thy Spirit has griev[e]d over the depravity of human kind thou hast desired to see Zion put on her beautiful garments & her people have no contentions jars or strife but be one

when neighbor would cease to destroy his neighbor & when man[']s hand would not be raised to destroy his friend and Brother but when all would be peace & unity this day shall come & not tarry & thou shalt be glad then when there shall be poured out upon Zion & her converts a fulness of the blessings of eternal Salvation & the Royal seed shal[l] yet have it be comforted thou art of Joseph[']s blood thy inheritance is sure a part of the Priesthood of thy husband is sealed upon thee for unto the daughters of Abraham is

appointed a labor & a work as well as to the horns of Joseph. thou shalt stand with the 144,000 & with all thy kindred to sit down in the kingdom of heaven with Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob with Josep[h] & the 12 Apostles of the last days with all the the sanctified throng to go no more out for ever which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so Amen. Rob[ert] Campbell Recorder abridged

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha Moulton on August 6, 1845]

City of Joseph 6th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith [Patri]arch on the head of Martha Moulton daughter of Cladiah and Mary Barker born Rackington Co New Hampshire [Hampshire] 14th June 1798

Dear sister In the name of the Lord Jesus christ I lay my hands upon you and seal upon you a father[']s blessing praying that this blessing may prove a comfort unto the[e] in the times of thine affliction. then let thy faith and courage increase for by the prayer of faith and the sealing pour [power] and authority of the Holy Priesthood thy band[s] shall be loosed and thou shalt be freed from every bondage and thy Soul shall yet enjoy the liberty of the children of God and thou shalt find peace and rest for Angels have been given charge concerning thee and they shall guard thy bed thy days and thy nights and thy footsteps shall be directed by one who is mighty in wisdom and because of evils and the pour [power] of Satan thy glory shall not fail neither shall thou be deprived of a celestial mansion neither shalt thou enter into glory as a lonely star for unto god is known all his appointments and his ways are past finding out

for unto man god has not made known the fulness of the mystery of his will neither do they understand his appointments for his Law is yea and amen and the wicked he will beat with many stripes until they are returned like the lost sheep unto the fold then thy Spirit shall say the ways of God are just and his judgments are right the Decrees of God can never fail his loving kindness endureth for ever then let thy heart be comforted dear sister for the last hope of Israel is not lost thy faith shall make the[e] whole thy faithfulness shall bring salvation to thine own house for as a friend thou hast served all the day long and thou shalt rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel and with all thy kindred in the kingdom of heaven thy former troubles shall be forgotten and with Joseph[']s remnants thou shalt receive thine inheritance of whose Blood thou art and in his lineage thou shalt be reckoned and of his Blessing thou shalt be a partaker both in heaven and on the earth for with glory honor and true exaltations thou shalt be crowned in the kingdom of heaven with Abraham Isaac & Jacob to go no more out which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of William Jones on August 6, 1845]

City of Joseph 6th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of William Jones son of Samuel and Betty born cheshire England 4th of February 1821

Beloved Brother I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus christ to seal you a Patriarchal blessing that thy spirit also may be comforted Thy soul filled with the fulness of the Gosple [Gospel] and all its attendant pours [powers] and blessings with it which consists in privileges [privileges] and appointments that will be made known unto the[e] at some future time for the spirit saith that thou art a child of peculiar spirit the world hath not known the[e] neither hath thy Bretheren [Brethren] understood the depths of thy thoughts for thou hast desired to become wise and understand great knowledge and thou shalt rea[l]ize the desires of thine heart for in this thou hast desired a good thing and that knowledge thou hast desired shall come from heaven above for by the spirit of truth shalt thou be taught and in the ways of judgement justice and mercy shalt thou be directed and with thy Bretheren [Brethren] and kindred according to the flesh who are of the house of Israel descending from the Royal stock of the lineage of Joseph the promises made to these fathers shall all be fulfilled upon the heads of thair [their] posterity then it is given unto the[e] to re-

ceive appointments among those who are of this stock to sit as a judge in Israel and try the causes of thy Bretheren [Brethren]

when more mature years comes on and in thy lifetime thou shalt be celebrated as a peace maker and thy name spoken of with great honor and praise and for the Love thou hast had for Zion thy pour [power] shall increase fourfold and thy strength shall be as the strength of David because of thy trust in God and it shall be given the[e] to do a Marvellous work in the land and journey over many waters and to the prais[e] and honor of thy salvation thy father[']s house and all thy kindred shall be gathered together in the last days upon Mount Zion to duell [dwell] for ever then shalt thou stand in thy lot and place crowned with all the fruits of thy works and labors to sit down with Abraham Isaac & Jacob the household of faith to live in peace for ever which Blessing I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Jane Sly on August 6, 1845]

City of Joseph 6th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jane Sly daughter of Arman & Lydia Butler born Ontario Co New York 11th of June 1824

Dear sister In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing and one that shall continue upon thy head confirmed by the strong powers of heaven a Blessing that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and for[e]tell thy future prospects for in this world some receive their good things while in the world to come they receive their evil things others receive their evil things and in the world to come their good things therefore all this lifetime shall suff[f]ice in that that is past for evil deeds and for an atonement for sins for it might be truly said of the[e] that thou art a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief that thy Path to the present time has been a rugged one misfortune like an unsuspected evil and troubles that have caused thy heart to bleed has spread itself over the[e] yet some unknown hand has preserved the[e] in thy darkest hours and yet thy soul has been comforted by that still small voice which shall prove unto you. as the Voice of Joseph whose guardian care has brought the[e] as one of the house of Israel to Zion to receive their inheritance

and by the same Voice and spirit that has been appointed to preside over this dispensation to rule and govern the armies of Israel one shall be raised up who is mighty to be thy savior and thy Redeemer and thy soul shall yet be comforted in the midst of the congregation of the Saints and thy former troubles shall all be forgotten and thy salvation though it tarry wait for it it shall come with glory and power the labor of love and deeds of charity thou hast done shall plead thy cause at the door of many habitations and they who shall bless the[e] shall be blessed and they who will administer unto the[e] shall in no wise lose their reward for with tenfold blessings on their head shall they be rewarded when thou comest into thy kingdom for as oft as they have done it to the[e] even the least so it shall be said of them they have administered unto the just and shall receive a just man[']s reward even from him who is our prince and mighty savior then of Israel[']s stock

thy name is numbered as a Daughter of Abraham by faith thy integrity has preserved the[e] to behold the glory of God thus far and the love for thy Bretheren [Brethren] and the cause of truth has brought thee from a distance to join with the Saints then with Joseph[']s remnants thou shalt receive thine inheritance in full for thou art of this Blood for unto the[e] pertaineth the Blessings pours [powers] and privileges and glories of celestial mansions and a Salvation that shall never fail which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Jehiel Savage on August 6, 1845]

City of Joseph 6th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jehiel Savage son of Roger & Phebe born Leeds Co Upper Canada 3d October 1808

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing according to the holy order of God established in his church and a Blessing that shall continue upon thy head sealing upon thee all the promises made by the fathers concerning the seed of the house of Israel how that they should be saved and gathered out of every nation kindred tongue and people and be brought into thair [their] own lands even the land that was promised by Joseph unto his children therefore dear Brother the Lord has remembered the[e] in this covenant and as one of the scattered Remnants of Israel thou hast been gathered up by the everlasting covenant and has appointed thee out as one that belongs to that seed that has a legal right to the inheritance promised by Joseph for thou art one of his children and of his lineage shall thy posterity be numbered and none of all the labors thou hast done shall pass unrewarded

for in the covenant that was made with Abraham and those of thy Bretheren [Brethren] thou shalt receive thy inheritance and reward for that that has been lost for ages from off the heads and power of God[']s covenant people has again been restored even the Holy Priesthood sealed upon thy head which maketh the[e] to stand as a savior on Mount Zion in the last days to thy Bretheren [Brethren] and thy father[']s house even all of thy forefathers up to the time the Priesthood was lost hence there yet remaineth a work for thee to do by means of which the Gospel shall be preached to the dead and even language would be too faint to express the glory of God in thair [their] salvation when the greater fulness of the Gospel is made known in the work thou hast to perform both for the living and the dead for others must hear thy voice and thair [their] worth and kindred affection shall not be lost for they shall shine forth in thy kingdom that shall be composed of many over whom thou shalt preside as a king and mighty prince in Israel

therefore from this time the power of thy Priesthood shall increase upon the[e] and things that are unlawful for men to utter thou shalt understand and the time shall come when thy glory shall be great and the labors of thy ministry shall beget the immortal honors for with the sanctified of the house of Israel thou shalt be numbered with the multitude that shall come up on Mount Zion in the last days to rest in peace and with the fruits of the ministry with all they who are of thy household and thy father[']s house shalt thou sit down in the kingdom of heaven with Abraham Issac [Isaac] and Jacob crowned with celestial mansions to go no more out which Blessing I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Catherine Savage on August 6, 1845]

City of Joseph 6th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Catherine Savage daughter of Samuel & Lois Cooper born Otswega Co New york 8 August 1822

Beloved sister In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing for thou art numbered with the Daughters of abraham and of that Royal stock to whom the promises were made therefore the almighty God has by his peculiar care watched over the[e] in days that are past to save the[e] from the power and spirit of the world and appointed unto the[e] thy lot to bear some humble part with him who is thy companion for thus it is made known by the spirit upon thy head at this time that all they who are of that promised seed are made partakers of the pours [powers] and blessings of the holy Priesthood in their place the daughters of Abraham then have a duty to perform as a help mate to their companions that in all things they may be a sharer of their blessings and privileges in the celestial kingdom

and as one who has been true and faithful thou art blessed and no blessing or privilege that shall exalt the[e] in the heavenly kingdom shall be withheld from the[e] and the time shall come that it shall be no longer said that as a sojourner and pilgrim here on the earth but Zion shall be thy home forever for by right thou shalt possess an everlasting inheritance and the praise of thy name shall be had in the congregation of the Saints and all thy troubles shall have an end and it shal[ll] not be as in former times when famine has pinched the sore and when storms and afflictions has bound the[e] down for from all these troubles thou

shalt find a glorious deliverance and a glorious reward even the blessing of the earth shall be thine even flocks and herds and in Jacob[']s inheritance thou shalt be crowned [crowned] in peace for the blessings of this good old Patriarch with Abraham of Rebecca and Rachel [i]s upon thy head in posterity that shall be numerous and a name that shall be written with fond remembrance on the hearts of many and with him who is thy companion and all his dominion shall thou stand in thy lot and place when the whole house of Israel is redeemed therefore I seal upon thine head the blessing of long life the joys of the world to come a glorious exaltation with the kings and princes of the celestial earth and a salvation that shall never fade away in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph McNeill on August 6, 1845]

City of Joseph 6 Augt 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Joseph McNeill son of Archibald & Margaret born Antrim Co Ireland 12th Jany 1825

Beloved Brother. I lay my hands upon your head according to the holy order of God in conferring Patriarchal blessings to seal upon you a father[']s blessing and one that shall continue upon thy head numbering thee with the house of Israel to whom the promises were made by which promises a blessing is now conferred upon thee that thy name shall not be forgotten and that thy posterity after thee shall receive in their turn priesthood & Patriarchal blessings ha[n]ded down from father to son according to the established order in the church of christ making thee from this time a Patriarch to preside over thine own offspring according to the purposes of God for they shall never fail [fail] neither shall the Priesthood nor promised seed be forgotten

for by the power of an Almighty God even the great Jehovah thou hast been pointed out as one of the promised Israel even in distant lands and been preserved through the storms of the mighty deep to join the Saints in Zion to receive thine inheritance & thy home and as one of the household of Joseph for thou art of his lineage by blood for this cause thou hast been remembered and the everlasting Covenant has made known unto thee thine appointments and thy lineage by Revelation then unto thee pertaineth the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood so gird thyself for the work for as a Messenger of peace thy voice shall be heard in distant lands and thy kindred shall be brought by the labors of thy ministry and even of the fruits of thy labors shall thousands call thee blessed for by Revelation shalt thou speak the gift and power of the Holy Ghost shall be upon thee and in other tongues shalt thou make known the fulness of the Gospel the gift of discerning Spirits the gift of wisdom power by faith to heal the sick cast out Devils the interpretation of tongues and every necessary blessing temporal & spiritual necessary to perfect thy ministry and complete thy Salvation shall be thine for with honor & with great renown shalt thou return to Zion & receive thine inheritance for ever with all thy labors & kindred & father[']s house shalt thou be crowned with heavenly and celestial mansions in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Alison McNeil on August 6, 1845]

City of Joseph 6th Augt 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on Alison McNeil daughter of John & Marion Crabb born Dalkeith near Edinburgh Scotland 25th June 1822

Dear Sister — In the name of the Lord Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing praying Almighty God to bless you and preserve thy Soul in hope and comfort thy Spirit when thou art oppressed for truly it might be said of thee that thou art a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief for through storms & tempests thou hast been preserved and in deep afflictions thou hast cried unto the Lord & he has delivered thee even from deep trouble and will preserve thee in times to come and raise thy Soul up on high it has been thy faith that has secured unto thee this Salvation thus far the integrity of

thine heart thy firmness of Soul that has defied the tempest that has brought thee to join with the Saints and should occasional troubles hereafter arise such as is common to the fallen depravity of man among the Saints in Zion yet this shall prove unto thee a better home a promised land, thy Spirit shall live and shall not die and although thy body may suffer the pains of death yet in the promised land shall it be gathered with the children of thy fathers

and in peace when thou art aged it shall rest so let thy hope increase & thy faith, that thy courage fail not for thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith and of that promised seed upon whose head is sealed the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob even of that noble stock of the household of Joseph whose blood runs in thy veins and of his seed thy lineage shall be counted therefore unto thee pertaineth the blessings of posterity of a faithful and kind companion appointed of God in the own due time of the Lord the blessings of honor long life blessings of the earth and of the heaven above and an exaltation in heavenly mansions an everlasting inheritance at God[']s right hand true & faithful that shall never fail all of which blessing I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Jane F. Pea on August 6, 1845]

City of Joseph 6th Augt 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jane F Pea daughter of John & Elizabeth born Sinclair Co. Illinois 17th November 1820

Beloved Sister. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a Patriarchal blessing praying that it may prove a comfort unto thee in all thy days, and that the joys of thine heart may increase that the comforts and blessings of the Gospel of Jesus christ may be thine sealed upon thy head by an irrevocable Decree that shall never fail for truly it shall be said of thee that thou art a daughter of Abraham because of thy faith and diligence in keeping the commandments of God for there are none whose hearts are more pure for the sufferings of thy past life shall suffice for all thou hast to endure for thy sins have not been numbered upon thy head neither have they been placed on Record against thee

for thy Soul has been true and ste[a]dfast all the day long and when troubles and evils have arisen persecution and affliction that has troubled thy father[']s house thou hast pondered these things in thy heart and thy Complaints have been made known to thy God alone neither hast thou murmured [murmured] against him and even when thy Soul has been bound down it has been in secret thou hast poured out thy Soul to thy God in prayer & upon him thou hast placed thy trust and in him shalt thou live and find a true and faithful friend when all earthly objects shall fail for by the power of God thou hast been preserved and in sickness thou shalt be visited in mercy and not judgement thy pains and thine afflictions shall cease from off thy body for by the power and blessings of the Holy Priesthood shalt thou be raised up and altho thy days are numbered yet they are lengthened out unto thee and by the peculiar & Special care shalt thou be preserved by kind providence that has marked thy foo[t]steps to the present time

and for a noble purpose hath he preserved thee, and for a more exalted mansion shall he continue to preserve thee and all thy labors shall not be in vain thy goodly desires shall be answered upon thy head thy faith shall be increased thy glory shall be most exalted in the midst of the Angels of heaven for with thee guardian care of Angels shalt thou be watched over night and day until with the honored ones of Israel thy power becomes great and mighty in the land for none shall be made more glorious in their place among all the bright stars of the firmament for as one of the bright luminaries of heaven — not alone thou shalt shine forth in celestial mansions for unto one it shall be given to be thy Redeemer & thy head to preside over thee in all thy mansions of glory while around thee shall be gathered a numerous posterity that are of the Royal stock that as a Mother in Israel they shall call thee blessed & power shall be given unto thee to explore the many mansions in the father[']s house

wisdom to understand the mysteries of the third heavens the times & Seasons the purposes of God concerning his elect the glory privileges and exaltations pertaining to this latter dispensation while with Joseph[']s Remnants thou shalt be numbered who are of the stock of thy father[']s house the blood of Prophets & Patriarchs run[n]ing in their Veins and as their children who are of the promised seed they shall be gathered into the kingdom of heaven when thou art saved and exalted with the Kings Queens & princes of the earth so let thy Spirit be comforted and let thine integrity and faith continue & prepare thyself for the glory that awaits thee and the heavenly mansions that are prepared for thee for no power on the earth or under the earth or that is in being that is not of God shall wrest this Salvation from thy hands for I seal it upon thee with all the power and blessing of heavenly mansions by a firm and determined Decree & by that authority that shall never fail which is after the power of an endless life in Jesus christ[']s name. Amen

[Supplement to the patriarchal blessing of Jane F. Pea confirmed on August 22, 1845]

Supplement, 2d [sic] Augt 1845 Given by William Smith Patriarch

Dear Sister. I confirm upon thine head the blessing already given thee and as a daughter of Abraham thou shalt share in common with all of that seed & thy glory shall be equal to theirs for the blessings of Jacob are upon thine head, the same as confirmed by Joseph upon his children even the children of Ephraim of whose blood thou art & also of Joseph Jacob & Abraham thy fathers who will claim thee in the Resurrection, for the blessing of this noble Patriarch is also on thy head & shall never fail for with a numerous posterity and all of thy father[']s house and kindred thou shalt be surrounded in the kingdom of heaven & none shall take thy place in christ[']s name. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonathan Sleeper on August 8, 1845]

City of Joseph 8th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jonathan Sleeper son of John and Sarah born Burlington Co New Jersey [blank]

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing and it is because of thy faith and integrity of heart that their [there] is a Blessing for the[e] and also because of the promised seed for thou art of the household of Joseph who was sold into Egypt and of his Blood and in this lineage thou shalt receive thine inheritance with all thine household and all they who are of thy father[']s house for they are of that Royal stock to whom pertaineth the promises and covenants concerning the Mount Zion of the last days and the land of promise that Joseph gave unto his children which land of promise thou shalt inherit a portion by lot because of thy right and in all thy household and the power of these blessings pronounced by these holy Patriarchs shall be upon the[e] and none of them shall be lost but are bound by a seal and covenant that cannot be broken and unto them shall be lengths of days and of thy glory shall they be partakers even pour [power] majesty and dominion

and no pour [power] shall gainsay the[e] for unto the[e] shall be given pour [power] to exercise dominion over the flesh and the Devil. and all evil spirits and the Devil shall be made to flee from before thy face for as a roaring lion shalt thou come forth in mighty strength shalt thou contest the causes of thy Bretheren [Brethren] and the pour [power] and blessing of Jacob shall be upon the heads of thy generations after the[e] and in great strength shall they come forth in their day and generation to avenge the wrongs of the innocent and of thee it is said by the Voice of the Spirit the earth shall yeald [yield] its strength the Blessing of the dew and the deep are thine flocks and herds and the pour [power] of mighty conquests for in thy day thou shalt meet with mighty struggles for the Devil seeketh to destroy thee and enemies will lay deep thair [their] to ensnare the[e] but from them thou shalt be delivered thair [their] corruptions shall be made known and thair [their] wickedness manifest to all the people and it shall come to

pass that whosoever shall crush [curse] shall cursed and whosoever shall bless the[e] shall be blessed and judgement shall be turned away from from thine house and justice mercy and truth shall be in thine habitat[ion] and in the heritage of Jacob thy soul shall be blessed with fatness and thy body with a temporal Salvation freed from sin pain or sorrow thou shalt come forth in the Resurrection of the just to inherit the earth for ever which Blessing I seal upon thy head by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Walter M. Edwards on August 8, 1845]

City of Joseph 8th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Walter M. Edwards son of Andrew & Mary born Renfrew Co Scotland 23d April 1816

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal Blessing for thou art one of the seed of the house of Israel and a chosen vessel of the Lord and it has not been yet made known unto the[e] the fulness of thine appointments and the work that lies before the[e] by the peculiar providence of God thou hast been preserved on all thy journeyings for a wise and glorious purpose and that purpose shall be more fully made known unto thee when thou art ordained to all the pours [powers] and privileges and blessings of the holy priesthood which priesthood belongeth unto the[e] by right because of the everlasting covenant made by God unto Abraham concerning the promised seed for none other hath obtained this Blessing excepting those who are of that Blood and Royal family the seed of Abraham and the and the [sic] household of Joseph whose Blood thou art

but of Jacob thy inheritance shall be called and his Blessing shall rest upon thy head and upon thy household and upon the heads of thy generations after the[e] for the fruit of thy loins shall come kings and princes and those who shall rule in Israel and stand as judges in the house of Jacob and by the same pour [power] and authority of the holy Priesthood that is now sealed and confirmed upon thy head shall they administer peace shall dwell in thy habitations length of days shall be crowned [crowned] upon thy head the glory of Zion and her exaltation shall be the joys of thine heart an inheritance upon the earth and all the fulness thereof the dew and the deep with the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom and the glorious exaltation of the heavens above with all pour [power] in heaven and upon the earth to explore heavenly mansions this then is the Blessing on thy head to administer unto those who shall be heirs of salvation to travel over sea and land to preach the Gospel unto many nations kindred tongues & people and when the Resurrection pour [power] has perfected the fulness of thy redemption from the pour [power] of sin and the grave thou shalt visit other planets and worlds and those that are now dead shall hear thy voice and the living as the fruits of thy labors shall be gathered into the kingdom of God with all thy kindred to enherit [inherit] a celestial croun [crown] in a new heaven and upon a new earth then shall thy Soul be feasted in fatness upon the oil and the Wine that shall never fail with a joy that is celestial in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mahala Edwards on August 8, 1845]

City of Joseph 8th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Mahala Edwards daughter of Thomas P & Mary Green born Cape Girardeau Co Missouri 12 Novr 1821

Beloved sister In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm upon you a blessing according to the holy order of God that is Patriarchal because of thy faith and the integrity of thine heart for as a daughter of Abraham thou art also numbered in the covenants made with the fathers which covenant according to the purposes of God decreed before the foundation of the world [illegible] thee up and by the strong cords of law and priesthood authority numbered thee with the children of Zion

of that despised company who shall come up through tribulation and wash their robes and make them white in the blood of the lamb it being impossible according to the power of God manifest unto all who are of that covenant seed of promise for thy glory to fail or thy Salvation to be wrested from thy hands or the pour [power] blessings and privileges of the Holy Priesthood to be taken from off the heads of thy generations after thee

for by an oath were thy fathers Abraham Issac [Isaac] Jacob and Joseph made priests for ever after the order of Melchisedec which Priesthood they decreed upon the heads of their posterity for ever and of their lineage and promised blessings thou art an heir of the powers and blessings of this priesthood thou art also a partaker and in Joseph[']s name thy inheritance shall be called for thou art of his blood & lineage and with his children even the sons and daughters of Ephraim when they receive their promised pos[s]ession thou shalt receive thine inheritance in full and in common with thy husband thy glory shall be even upon the fat Vallies [Valleys] of the Land of Joseph

then from this time dear sister thy joys and thy pour [power] shall increase and thy glory health and happiness shall also increase and the blessings of Jacob shall dwell in thy habitations and thy name shall be remembered unto many generations as a Mother in Israel for unto the[e] is promised in this blessing posterity and a name that is like precious ointment and thy glory and excellence shall be like the rose of Sharon or the dew upon Mount Hermon and as a star in the bright firmament shalt thou shine forth in the kingdom of heaven and as a ministering Angel thou shalt prove a comfort into [unto] thy companion and to thy kindred and friends arround [around] the[e] and it shall not be said thou art an orphan destitute of friends or a stranger and bowed down in sorrow and grief because of afflictions for Zion shall be thy home and the house of God thy sanctuary and all the sorrows and troubles of the past shall be forgotten for the blessings of the earth are thine with the glory of celestial mansions peace riches fathers Mothers Brothers and sisters. for all thy losses shall be restored unto thee when thou art saved temporally and spiritually and in the kingdom of heaven shall thou consider it and with a joy that shall never end which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Almyra Burgess on August 8, 1845]

City of Joseph 8th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Almyra Burgess daughter of Zerah and Polly Pulsipher born Broome Co Pennsylvania 8th Sepr 1817

Dear sister I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing for thou shalt be a partaker with thy companion of his inheritance and unto him shall thy desires be true and faithful all the day long therefore none shall take thy place for the same power and glory that is sealed upon thy companion is now also sealed upon thy head and as a Daughter of Abraham thy justification shall be by faith and thy salvation according to the integrity of thine heart and there are but few whose integrity is more ste[a]dfast and whose spirit is more determined to follow after righteousness of God for this cause thou hast been willing to sacrifice thine earthly friends thy good name and all wor[l]dly honor to join with the church of christ and also with him who has been appointed of God as thy Companion and thy soul shall be blessed with all the fulness of God with power over evil spirits with light truth and knowledge long life Peace and prosperity in all thy house and the days that are past shall suffice for all thine afflictions for truly thy spirit has mourned and out of deep affliction hath God raised thee and from troubles thy soul shall be set free for wisdom pour [power] and glory and exaltations are thine

thy soul shall feast itself in fatness and thy former sorrows shall all be forgotten the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob are upon thine head and of Joseph who is thy father who was sold into Egypt for thou art of this lineage and noble stock and with this Royal family thou shalt be gathered with the children

of thy father and with the sons and Daughters of Ephraim thine inheritance shall be fixed and determined and when thy [s]alvation is made complete none of all the stars in the firmament of the heavens shall shine with greater effulgence and beam with greater glory in their place then this is the blessing with which thou art blessed in common with thy husband to share in his exaltation a world of knowledge a heaven of joy a salvation that is made most glorious a partaker of the holy priesthood an inheritance upon the earth when all Israel is redeemed houses and lands friends and home fathers Mothers Brothers and sisters in the new heaven and upon the new earth Wine on the lees well refined flocks and herds and to be saved with a numerous posterity that shall call the[e] blessed even a Mother in Israel which Blessing I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Christian Upperman on August 8, 1845]

City of Joseph 8th Augt 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Christian Upperman son of Frederick and Hannah Catherine born in Germany State of Hanover November 1806

Beloved Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm upon you a Patriarchal blessing, and one that shall continue upon thee throughout thy day and generation, and it is because of thy lineage that this blessing is conferred upon thy head which is purely Patriarchal for the promises that were made by the fathers were to be remembered in the last days on their posterity and upon thy head shall it come for thou art of Royal Stock, and of that noble blood even a descendant of him who was sold into Egypt, therefore thou shall receive thine inheritance with Joseph[']s children as one of the horns of Joseph, and thy faithfulness in tithing and making sacrifices shall be rewarded with flocks and herds and an everlasting inheritance in Zion,

thy liberality of Soul shall beget thee many friends. and the deeds of charity thou hast done shall be rewarded openly, and give thee a welcome reception into many habitations for all they who trust in thee shall not complain, even, if thine own house shall obey thy Council it shall be well with them, and they shall in no wise lose their reward; but shall receive heavenly mansions and fourfold blessings on their heads and it may be truly said of thee that thou art a child of sorrow & acquainted with grief, and thy Spirit needs comforting, but be encouraged Dear Brother, thou shalt receive strength and the power of Almighty God shall wrest [rest] upon thee and all that has been taken away from thee shall be restored again when the earth is sanctified even fathers mothers and kindred friends. sickness shall flee away from thee and pain shall be rebuked,

thy days shall be lengthened out and all thy former sorrows shall be forgotten, for it has been through deep affliction thou hast travelled thus far in pain sickness and in death, the loss of relatives and friends, which has almost overcome thee and destroyed thy natural life, but these things shall not continue upon thy head, the days of thine afflictions are nearly past, and thou shalt see the glory of Zion in her exaltation and realize all the desire of thine heart in righteousness, and the power of Israel[']s God shall yet be administered upon thy head, and even Priesthood authority & upon thine house and upon the heads of thy generations after thee for the heritage of Jacob is thine, and the blessings of Abraham, with all holy Apostles & Prophets I seal upon thine head with the blessings of eternal Salvation in Jesus christ[']s name. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Horace Burgess on August 9, 1845]

City of Joseph August 9th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Horace Burgess son of William and Violata born Washington County New York 23d January 1816

Dear Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm upon [thee] a father[']s blessing even a blessing that shall continue upon thy head throughout thy day and gener-

ations by Priesthood power and authority that is inherited by lineage and by right belongs unto the[e] because thou art one of the covenant seed of promise and in that covenant thou art remembered in the blessings and promises of Abraham with that power and authority that shall never Pass from off thine head and the heads of thy generations after thee for peace and the blessings of the earth and also the blessings of Jacob shall dwell in all thy habitations and in mercy and judgement shall thou rule and administer justice and as a minister of Peace thou shalt be called a peace maker in Israel and unto thee shall many come and ask thee to try the causes of thy Bretheren [Brethren] for this cause in time to come thy name shall be called great in the midst of the earth because of the pour [power] of thy judgement and the justice of thy decisions

and thy name shall have great praise in the congregations of the saints thy moral worth shall be had in fond remembrance and be cherished by thousands who have heard thy Voice and with honor and great renown thou shalt receive the fruits of thy labors when thy ministry is finished and many who have rejected thy testimony and spurned the[e] from their doors shall come bending unto the[e] and acknowledge thou art the servant of the most high God then shalt thou see the fruits of thy labors and the desires of thine heart fulfilled for in the inheritance promised to Joseph thou shalt receive thine for thou art one of the horns of Joseph and of his blood shall thy lineage be counted a faithful servant over a few things and shall be made ruler over many of the children of Ephraim also shall be brought who are of the same blood and be redeemed from their wanderings and receive their inheritance with the stock of Abraham and sit down with the[e] in thy father[']s kingdom with all thy father[']s house and pour [power] shall be given the[e] to administer for the dead as well as the living and this pour [power] shall continue in all thy household from generation to generation so let thy faith fail not for every whit of this Blessing shall be fulfilled on thy head for I seal it upon the[e] even the joys of celestial mansions in a new heaven and upon a new earth with with flocks and herds even riches in abundance with life everlasting grapes wine and oil corn and Wheat in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Alexander Allen on August 11, 1845]

City of Joseph 11 Augt 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Alexander Allen son of George & Helen born Aberdeenshire Scotland in 1798

Dear Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a Patriarchal blessing It has been for the glory of Zion thy salvation and her comfort that thou hast come from a distant land to obtain an inheritance in the land of promise and all the desires of thine heart shall be realized, and for thy strong faith thou shalt be rewarded, for the sacrifice of thy home and country thou shalt receive a home and inheritance in a country that has been ordained and appointed of God for the benefit of his children in the last days also it is because of thy lineage being of the house of Joseph that thou hast obtained the spirit of gathering and become a partaker of the new and everlasting covenant, thou shalt therefore be an inheriter [inheritor] of the holy priesthood and thy generations after thee, the blessings of Jacob shall be in the midst of thy house, and the praise of thy works shall be as a Lamp that burneth, and great shall be thy salvation for kingdoms thrones and dominions shall be given unto thee, thy kindred shall hear thy voice, and they who are of thy father[']s house shall hear the sound of the everlasting Gospel, and by the labor of thy ministry many shall be made partakers of celestial mansions whether in life or in death and this is the blessing with which thou art blessed the salvation of all thy father[']s house and they who are of thine own household to sit down in the kingdom of heaven to go no more out with the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob sealed upon thy head with all the fulness of the earth and blessings thereof in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Jane Allen on August 11, 1845]

City of Joseph 11 Augt 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jane Allen daughter of Thomas and Margaret Cocks born Aberdeen Co Scotland 22 Novr 1801.

Beloved Sister I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm upon you a father[']s blessing, for thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith of the lineage of Joseph whose blood runs in thy veins therefore thou art remembered in the new and everlasting covenant and in Zion thy inheritance is sure for I seal thee up to eternal life — the Devil shall have no power to afflict thee neither shall he have power to entice thee from the fulness of the Gospel, for unto thee is given power over the flesh and all evil Spirits and the Devil shall flee before thee — knowledge and true wisdom shall be given thee to counsel in all thine house to be a comfort to thy companion to direct him in safety and guide him as a guardian Angel that has been appointed to do good and bring salvation to those over whom he is appointed to rule and by Visions and dreams thou shalt be instructed

and thy soul shall be edified and thy glory and blessing shall be in common with thy companion and it shall not be in vain thou hast come to join with the saints and see the mount Zion of the last days to sacrifice home and country thy kindred and friends for the Lord hath stretched out his arm over thee and preserved thee all the day long for thou shalt be rewarded with manifold blessings upon thy head, and the storms and tempests of the mighty deep shall all be forgotte[n] the many privations by sea and land to obtain thy Salvation shall be rewarded with glittering stars in thy crown, and like the Gold that remains unsoiled for ever so shall thy glory be pure and holy then thy name shall be remembered to many generations, thy posterity become great and with honor and immortality and eternal life shall they be gathered with thee into thy heavenly father[']s kingdom with all they who are of thy household and of thy father[']s house, then shall thy joy be full be full [sic] in the new heavens and upon the new earth shall it be even with everlasting dominions true honors glories and exaltations that shall never fail in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Ezra Faitoud on August 11, 1845]

City of Joseph 11 Augt 1845. A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Ezra Faitoud son of Aaron and Esther born in New Jersey 24th December 1804.

Beloved Brother. In Jesus christ[']s name I lay my hands upon you to seal upon you a father[']s blessing — thou art of a peculiar Spirit as a terror to evil doer thou hast been set in the way, and thy voice shall cause the Devil to flee before thee his charms and enticements shall now be loosed for like Job as he did to him — so has he sought to destroy thy health to bring thy spirit into bondage and bind thee fast in chains, but thy deliverance has come and thy spirit shall find rest thou shalt be as the strong lion that cometh from the thicket whose angry growl [growl] makes the forest to tremble thine enemies shall not stand against thee for with mighty strength shall thine arm be nerved to the battle and as an avenger of the blood of Prophets thou shalt go forth, and none shall stand against thee when the day of God[']s wrath shall come

for thus saith the Lord God almighty Israel shall be saved as it is written and my kingdom shall be established for ever, and the wicked who shed the blood of Prophets shall perish when I will do this thus saith the Lord all my people shall be saved from all cou[n]tries whithersoever they have been scattered and they shall come to Mount Zion the place of my holiness then shall I be avenged of all mine enemies and the place of my feet be made glorious — therefore the Blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob are upon thee and thy glory shall never fail and thine habitation shall be the habitation of Jacob, for in his heritage shall thine inheritance be called and of his promised inheritance shalt thou be an inheriter [inheritor] even length of days priesthood power and authority upon thy head and upon all thy generations after thee, the blessings of

the earth and the fulness thereof celestial mansions that shall never fail all of which Blessing I seal on thy head in Jesus christ[']s name. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of David McKee on August 11, 1845]

City of Joseph 11 Augt 1845 Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on David McKee son of Thomas and Martha born Westmoreland Co Pen[n]sylvania 10th Jany 1796

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm upon you a Patriarchal blessing, for althou[gh] thou hast seen many years and much affliction in this world yet thy days shall be lengthened out and every affliction thou hast suffered shall be as so many stars in the crown of thy Salvation for in this blessing now confirmed upon thy head thou shalt see manifest the way and plan of Israel[']s redemption from their long lost and fallen state for of that promised seed thou art also numbered, and as one of the lost sheep thou hast been gathered up from the mountains, and now return to the fold to receive the fulfilment of that, that was promised to thy father Abraham concerning his posterity after him that none of them should be lost, but but should be made partakers of the promised blessing, even an everlasting inheritance in the land of promise, the mount Zion of the last days then the spirit of God has searched after thee

and thy duty has been made known from time to time and by the power and blessing of the holy Priesthood thou art now sealed up unto eternal life, unto the day of redemption when in the Resurrection thou shalt stand in thy lot and place and all thy labors shall be rewarded for unto thee shall be appointed Priesthood power and authority that shall not pass from off the heads of thy posterity for the blessings of Jacob shall be in the midst of thy house, and thy habitation shall be the habitation of peace, so gird up thy loins prepare thyself for the work that lies before thee, to labor in the ministry to build up Zion and to strengthen thy Bretheren [Brethren] to be called a peace maker in the house of Israel for thou art called and chosen as one of the horns of Joseph for of his household shall thy blood be counted & with his posterity thine inheritance shall be even flocks and herds and the blessings of the earth celestial mansions and an everlasting inheritance at God[']s right hand which Blessing shall never fail for I seal it on thy head in Jesus christ[']s name. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha J. McKee on August 11, 1845]

City of Joseph 11 Augt 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on Martha J McKee daughter of David & Mary T born Butler Co Pen[n]sylvania 2d June 1834

Dear sister. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing by the consent and request of thy father which will seal thee up unto eternal life beyond the power of Satan and all his temptations, and safely warrant unto thee an inheritance with thy father[']s house — in that promised land which Joseph gave by promise to his children of whom thou art an offspring for thou art of the lineage and blood of him who was sold into Egypt thou art now in thy youth when age and experience comes on thy judgement shall be increased — thy wisdom and knowledge shall become great and thy feet shall never deviate from the path of true holiness and virtue for by the power of God shalt thou be preserved from the devices of Satan and as a living ornament in the church of christ and as a worthy member of that body thy name shall be had in respect [respect] love and much esteem the blessings of health shall be upon thee also length of days to be a comfort in thy father[']s house, thou shalt have a companion appointed of God in the own due time of the Lord that shall be endued [endowed] with the pours [powers] and Blessings of the holy Priesthood and thy name shall become glorious and thy posterity great in the midst of the earth for of thee shall come a mighty people and they who are of the Royal stock kings and princes and

priests of the most high God this then is the blessing with which thou art blessed exaltations glories heavenly mansions in the kingdom of our father who art in heaven which Blessing I seal upon thy head in Jesus christ[']s name. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary T. McKee on August 11, 1845]

City of Joseph 11 August 1845 Wm Smith Patriarch[']s blessing on Mary T McKee daughter of Daniel & Elizabeth born Westmoreland Pena [Pennsylvania] 1st June 1795

Beloved sister In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to bless you, and to seal upon you a father[']s blessing one that shall continue upon thee throughout all thy days and seal instructions upon thee because of thy faithfulness for all the day long thou hast labored with true integrity of heart and altho[ugh] enemies have sought to destroy thy peace and happiness yet thine unconquerable Spirit through the mercy of God has still preserved thee, and thine adversaries shall not have power over thee, for unto thee is given power of conquest over the flesh and the Devil to bind him fast in chains, that evil Spirits may not trouble thee from this time because of the power that is sealed upon thy head in this blessing if thou wilt exercise thyself in thy privileges, yet the time is a coming when the past shall be forgotten when pain and sickness sorrow and death shall all be swallowed up in the victory of the cross, and they that have wronged thee shall receive their reward according to their just deserts

and thy crown of righteousness shall be as the glittering gold or the sun in the fulness of its glory then shalt thou be gathered with the Daughters of Abraham and be numbered of that Royal stock even the household of Joseph and thy inheritance shall be in common with thy husband and thy name shall be remembered to many generations and as a Mother in Israel thy Posterity shall call the[e] blessed and the power of priesthood authority shall never pass from thy generations for when thy years shall fail thou shalt sit down in the kingdom of heaven with all thy kindred with the[e] and with they who are of the house of Israel thy name shall be enrolled upon sacred Records and be had in everlasting remembrance then let thy courage fail not for this is the blessing with which thou art blessed for glorious and heavenly mansions are thine even an inheritance in the new heavens and upon the [illegible] wine of fruitfull Vineyards of the corn and the Wheat which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Salman Andrews on August 11, 1845]

City of Joseph August 11th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Salman Andrews son of Salmon and Betty born Calen Co New York 2d Sept 1822

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon you to bless you with a Patriarchal blessing because thou art called and chosen and shall ever be numbered with the righteous ones upon the face of the earth for this is the blessing with which thou art blessed to do good unto thy fellow men to administer justice judgement mercy and truth and to sit as a judge in Israel to try the causes of thy Bretheren [Brethren] and in righteousness shalt thou judge and with equity shalt thou reprove and for this cause when thou art aged thou shalt obtain great celebrity as a peace maker in Israel & as a counsellor shalt thou be called upon to direct the affairs of Zion and to build up the kingdom of God on the earth and unto the[e] many shall come for coun[sel] and when thy spirit and heart has become more broken and contrite the power and blessings of these appointments shall increase upon the[e] yet the scenes of the past & of thy childhood are forgotten and thy sins shall not be remembered against the[e] for they are not numbered it has been the desires of thy heart to understand great wisdom and knowledge yet with a critic[']s eye thou hast looked upon the prosperity of Zion and the works of God.

and in its prosperity thy faith has increased the power of Satan cannot harm thee neither can his

temptations entice the[e] from the path of rectitude then thy spirit shall be saved from the wreck of this world and thy soul from the damning influences of sin power shall be given the[e] over the flesh and the Devil and thy ministry shall be in foreign land and thy usefulness among many people shall bring the scattered Remnants of Israel the the Mount Zion of the last days for thy voice shall be heard in the midst of many people and thy journey shall be over lands and mighty waters even they who are of the seed of Ephraim shall hear thy voice and with the sons of Joseph their hearts shall be made glad and they who are of thy ministry shall come to Zion even the Lamanites to receive their inheritance then shall thou sit down with the seed of Joseph thy Bretheren [Brethren] with all of thy father[']s house and thy kindred in the kingdom of heaven to go no more out with the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob upon thy head to dwell in the presence of God and the Lamb for ever if thou art true and faithful which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Thore Thorsten on August 11, 1845]

City of Joseph 11 Augt 1845. A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Thore Thorsten son of Thorsten & Ingbor born [blank]

Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus christ and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, for truly it might be said of thee the blessings of Prophets are upon thy head, and in all thy days and wherever thy lot shall be cast it shall be observed that thou art a child of a peculiar Spirit, and all this because thou hast descended from those fathers, unto whom the promises were made belonging to their stock, for among the number of thy forefathers there shall be them who administered before the alter [altar] who had the Holy Priesthood, stood in the house of David and held the key of knowledge

they understood the mysteries of kingdoms, the power of Priesthood authority, held the oracles and wore the sacred robe, to them it was given to understand the principles and power by which kingdoms and empires were built up, kings and thrones were glorified, creation of worlds, by Vissions [Visions] and Revelations to hold power over all the languages of the earth over every nation, kindred tongue and people, but through apostacy this Priesthood and authority has been lost from off the heads of many generations, and now is sealed again according to the promises upon thine head, making thee a minister of the Sanctuary & unto thy people up to the time the Priesthood was lost from thy forefathers, & the font of God shall bear record of this call and blessing upon thy head

for they who are in their graves shall hear thy voice, for unto the dead is the Gospel preached as well as unto the living. and as a ministering Spirit unto those who shall be heirs of Salvation, thou shalt open the Door of prisons & unloose the captive bands & let the prisoners go free, therefore in thy father[']s house thy work shall be great & thy Salvation most glorious, & they who are of the labors of thy ministry shall call thee blessed & with all thy father[']s house & thy kindred shalt thou sit down in Zion in peace & rest for ever, for thou art of Abraham[']s stock & the household of faith of the seed of Joseph & of the offspring of God[']s chosen people. a Spirit of intelligence that shall live forever in celestial mansions which blessing I seal on thy head in Jesus christ[']s name.

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph H. Lane on August 11, 1845]

City of Joseph 11 Augt 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch's blessing on the head of Joseph H Lane son of Joseph D & Nancy born Ontario Co New York 13th November 1817

Beloved Brother. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon you to bless you with a father[']s blessing, praying almighty God to seal instructions on thine heart, to strengthen thy faith and increase thy

courage, that no power may turn thy feet from the path of righteousness for in mercy & not in judgement has the Lord watched over thee, & from deep afflictions hath he raised thee up, for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, and when thy Soul has been bowed down it has been then thou hast called on thy God and he hath delivered thee & will deliver thee even to the uttermost, the Spirit doth not say what thy troubles have been or what they shall be in the future but this much saith the Spirit thine enemies shall not prevail against thee neither shall they by secret power overthrow thee, but their deeds shall be made manifest, and in time thou shalt understand what these things mean,

for the Devil seeketh to destroy thee & hath laid many snares for thy Destruction but the blessings of the dead are on thy head, thy Spirit shall live unconquered and thy Soul shall rejoice with a glorious deliverance, so let thy Spirit be comforted and thy praise shall abound unto many, and if thou wilt desire and seek after it, great knowledge shall be poured out upon thy head, and also shall be ordained upon thee Priesthood power blessings and authority to which thou art called and chosen according to the purposes of God concerning the elect from before the foundation of the world, for thou art one of that number even of God[']s chosen ones of whom it is said according to the election of grace that all Israel shall be saved as it is written I have reserved unto myself Seven thousand men who have never bowed the knee to the image of Baal then with this number thou art numbered of this seed and stock counted in the lineage of Joseph of whose blood thou art, therefore unto thee pertaineth the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood, labor, ministry, tithing, building up of Zion, thrones kingdoms dominions & exaltations, kindred friends home & country an everlasting inheritance in Zion, with all the fulness of the earth chariots horses flocks & herds corn & wheat wine & grapes all of which blessing I seal on thy head in Jesus christ's name Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Leonard Schussler on August 13, 1845]

City of Joseph 13th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Leonard Schussler son of John & Beadie born Hersfeld Germany 21st Desr [December] 1797

Dear Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing and it is because of thy faithfulness and diligence that thou hast attained unto this thing and been preserved to journey across the mighty waters to a land of promise that the Lord God shall give unto thee which Blessing is now sealed upon thy head with all the appointments that have been made known in former times and promised unto the[e] as one of that posterity legitimately holding a right to the powers privileges and blessings of the holy Priesthood according to the purposes of God that he purposed before the foundation of the world concerning the promised seed and they are those unto whom the promises of a temporal salvation is extended a land of promise in the last days and who also were to administer before the altar [altar] in the house of Israel endowed with the Priesthood of Melchisedeck who are but a remnant holding legitimately that right and that authority of which thou art one among the number

and the Lord hath preserved the[e] and by special providence has he pointed thee out and by his special care hath he directed thy steps from thy home and country to unite with the saints in Zion that thou mayest with the house of Israel receive thine endowments and appointments and with the sons of Joseph to receive thy inheritance for thou art of the blood of that noble Patriarch & Prophet that was sold into Egypt and in this blessing upon thy head sealed by Priesthood authority some part of thy duty is made known for unto the[e] shall be appointed to administer for the dead as well as for the living for they who are sleeping in their graves whose spirits are now bound fast in prison shall hear the Gospel and be brought forth and thy kindred shall be redeemed and all they who are of thy father[']s house up to the time the Priesthood was lost for as a Savior thou shalt stand upon Mount Zion and thy name and power shall be great in midst of thine own people then shalt thou see the travail of thy soul and realize the desires of thine heart when Zion shall

be redeemed with judgement and her converts with righteousness and she shall put on her beautiful garments then with the promised seed of the house of Israel thy salvation shall be made complete in the new heavens and upon the new earth to dwell [dwell] in everlasting habitations for ever to plant Vineyards and eat the fruit thereof to build and not another inherit but in all the plains there shall peace and plenty even wine on the lees well refined which Blessing I seal on thine head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Margaret Schussler on August 13, 1845]

City of Joseph August 13th 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Margaret Schussler daughter of Thomas & Laury Williams born Laneashire England 18th March 1806

Dear Sister In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing according to the holy order of God established in his church and unto the[e] dear sister the Spirit saith thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith and it shall not be said of the[e] that thou art a stranger but an heir of the kingdom and a citizen of the city of Zion and that thou art also numbered with thy companion in the house of Joseph and of that blood therefore thou hast been remembered in the everlasting covenant and in distant lands the Lord has called after the[e] and brought the[e] to enjoy a better inheritance therefore thy soul shall rejoice and thy heart be made glad for all the desires thereof concerning [concerning] Zion shall be realized for it is not in vain thou hast left thy home and made a sacrifice of all of thy kindred friends to journey to a land of promise appointed of God for thy inheritance and thy salvation temporal & [s]piritual

for the Lord will remember the[e] and reward thee for all thy labors troubles and afflictions thou hast endured and in Jacob[']s heritage shall thy Soul be satisfied and with thy companion shalt thy glory and exaltation be for with him thou shalt stand in all the fulness of his salvation as one that is faithful and true the Angels rejoice over the[e] Dear sister because of the faithfulness and integrity of thine heart and they are already given in charge concerning the[e] and they shall direct thy steps and thy pathway shall not be in the dark neither shall it be in the midst of secret enemies for by the light of Revelation thy footsteps shall be guarded in wisdom ways and light and intelligence shall increase upon thee even the true knowledge of God power shall be given thee over evil spirits the flesh and the Devil and thou shalt have discernment [discernment] by which the evils and treachery of the wicked shall be made known therefore they shall not deceive the[e] nor by their snares bring the[e] down into darkness and all thine enemies the blessings of the earth also are thine and of all of thy father[']s house thy thy kindred and friends then thy salvation is made complete for I seal the[e] up to eternal life in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Reuben N. Jolney on August 13, 1845]

City of Joseph 13th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Reuben N. Jolney son of Henry & Francis born in Vilt Co North Carolina 1st Octr 1808

Dear Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing one that shall be descriptive of thy character and for[e]tell thy future prospects for even of the[e] it has been said by the mouth of Prophets that according to the promises made unto the fathers concerning the seed of the house of Israel that thy name shall not be forgotten neither shall the Priesthood pass from off thy head for there awaiteth appointments for the[e] that shall be made known in the own due time of the Lord even Priesthood authority and this authority and power of an endless life shall continue upon the heads of thy generations after the[e] forever for this is according to the oath made with our first parents Abraham and Jacob

therefore because thou art of this promised seed thou art called and chosen to do a great and marvel-

lous work which shall be according to thy faithfulness and diligence and of Joseph[']s tribe thy blood shall be counted and with his children shall thine inheritance be even the blessings of the earth true riches and everlasting honors and an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away for it shall be in the heavens and upon the new earth then shall thy prais[e] be great of those who were thy Bretheren [Brethren] and thy father[']s house for this shall be the blessing wherewith thou art blessed to save thy father[']s house to administer for the dead that the prisoners may go free and that thy Bretheren [Brethren] according to the flesh may be redeemed also with thee when thou shalt stand as a savior on Mount Zion with the 144.000 thereof gird up thy loins and watch unto prayer prepare thyself for the work that lies before the[e] that thou mayest save thyself and thine own household with the[e] with a temporal and spiritual salvation for a name that is more precious than ointment and a crown of celestial and never fading glory in the kingdom of God I seal upon thy head by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Jolney on August 13, 1845]

City of Joseph 13 August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Sarah Jolney daughter of Laptist & Mary Pippen born in Franklin Co North Carolina 28th May 1812

Dear sister In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm upon you a Patriarchal blessing for truly the spirit saith that thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith and it is because of thy faith that thou hast been preserved by the power of God unto this present time to obtain this blessing and the sealing power upon the[e] for now thou art sealed up unto eternal life and Satan shall not have power to destroy the[e] or to entice thee from the path of righteousness therefore thy faith shall increase and thy doubts and fears be [illegible] that as an orphan journeying among strangers without the guidance of parental affection for Zion shall be thy house and thy habitation and her children shall be thy joy and her glory and exaltation shall rejoice thine heart and unto the[e] shall be given fathers and Mothers Brothers & Sisters, houses and lands flocks and herds

and him who is appointed as thy companion to preside over the[e] in judgement and righteousness and thy glory and exaltation shall be with his and none shall be considered more glorious in their place for as the Angels in heaven who are crowned with im[m]ortality and eternal life thy glory shall be thou shalt also have an inheritance in the new heavens and upon the new earth that shall be divided unto thee by lot because thou art of the seed of Israel and of the household of Joseph and it shall be given unto the[e] to inherit the earth for ever to plant Vineyards and eat the fruit thereof to dwell in habitations built by hands to walk upon the celestial earth satiate thy soul in fatness to enjoy the wine on the lees well refined the corn the oil and the wheat and all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom with a croun [crown] of glory that shall never fade away in the presence of God and the Lamb which blessing I seal upon thine head in the name of Jesus christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Ann Erskine on August 13, 1845]

City of Joseph 13 Augt 1845 — A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Ann Erskine daughter of James & Francis Holt born Lancashire England 10th May 1807

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing according to the holy order of God, and the Spirit saith thou art a daughter of Abraham, and no longer a stranger and foreigner, but an heir to the kingdom and a citizen of the household of faith, for it has been thy faith in thy God that has brought thee from thy country and home even from a distant land, to unite with the Saints and become one of their number, and because of thy faithfulness and the integrity of thy heart, thou shalt obtain an everlasting inheritance a home and a better country, the Lord has heard thy prayers and remembered thy

wants, and in deep affliction has he visited thee and out of great trouble has he delivered thee and thou shalt receive a reward for all thy sufferings, and for all the sacrifices thou hast made, and in Zion thou shalt find a peaceful rest, a habitation of holiness, a place of delight, and thou shalt walk her streets unmolested, and her blessings shall be thy blessings, her prosperity shall be thy glory and thine exaltation,

then it shall be known that thou art of Royal stock a descendant of Joseph, for altho in this blessing thy lineage is revealed, yet in that day thou shall be numbered with Joseph[']s children, and with his posterity thine inheritance shall be even true riches honor immortality and eternal life, the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom of heaven and of earth, and in the new heavens and upon the new earth shall it be. then shall thou look upon the redeemed of Israel and exclaim my father[']s house, for all thy kindred shall stand with thee, and they shall be redeemed and brought into celestial mansions, and around thee shall be gathered a numerous posterity for from them shall be raised up Kings and princes, and they shall call thee blessed even a Mother in Israel, therefore thou art sealed up unto eternal life, with power over diseases sickness pain the flesh the Devil and all evil Spirits crowned with the blessings of an eternal Salvation at God[']s right hand to dwell for evermore freed from pain & sorrow which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elias Bassett on August 15, 1845]

City of Joseph 15th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Elias Bassett son of Oliver and Betsy born Rensselaer Co New York 16th Feb. 1800

Beloved in Brother In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing a blessing that shall continue upon thy head throughout thy day and generations even the powers and Blessings of the Holy Priesthood are thine by which thou art saved in the kingdom of God which is according to the purposes of God ordained from before the foundation of the world that none who are legitimate heirs of this priesthood should be lost because of the promises made with the fathers concerning a particular seed of which seed thou art one an offspring even of the lineage and blood of Joseph who was sold into Egypt and of the household of faith and their remaineth appointments for the[e] and ordinations still greater and a fulness that thou hast not yet received even a ministry of reconciliation for both the living and the dead

for thy voice Shall yet be heard in the large congregations of people proclaiming the everlasting Gosple [Gospel] and making known the acceptable year of the Lord and even they who are in the prison of departed spirits Shall also hear thy voice and be Judged according to men in the flesh and [illegible] midst of thine house and upon the heads of thy generations after the[e] for thy posterity shall become numerous and become great in the midst of the earth and as a Patriarch over thine own house thy blessings and priesthood shall be handed down from generation to generation upon the heads of thy posterity even for ever and power shall be given thee over evil spirits pain and disease and at thy rebuke the tempter shall flee away and the Devil shall not have power to destroy thee or the peace and happiness of thy habitations for in all thine house thou shalt be blessed thy companion with thee and this is the blessing with which thou art blessed a salvation with all thine household thy kindred and thy father[']s house in the new heavens and upon the new earth to inherit and enjoy the fulness thereof and a life that shall never fail which blessings I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Matilda Bassett on August 15, 1845]

City of Joseph 15th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Matilda Bassett daughter of John and Pheobe Salter born Ontario Co New York 18th July 1800

Dear Sister I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing in the name of Jesus Christ for thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith and thy name shall be counted great among women for the deeds of Charity thou hast done the examples of a life of true holiness that shall be worthy of imitation and in whose footsteps shall thousands follow [illegible] not be forgotten unto many generations for a good name is like precious Ointment which is now sealed upon thy head and this time shall come and in thy life time Shalt thou consider it when all thy diligence labours and work shall be rewarded upon thine head even an hundred fold and in the world to come life everlasting [illegible] sickness poverty and distress shall be forgotten for true riches are thine even the riches of heaven and in common with thy companion shall thy glory and exaltation be upon a celestial earth with flocks & herds with corn the Oil and the wheat wine on the lees well refined

then shall the meek increase their Joy in the Lord and the poor inherit the earth and thy reward shall come tho[ugh] it [illegible] wait for it for an inheritance shall be divided upon thee by lot with Joseph['s] children for thou art of their blood and with his household shall thou receive thine inheritance power Majesty Might and dominion there also awaiteth [awaitheth] appointment for the ordinations to be a partaker of the priesthood and blessing and salvation with thy companion that with him thy salvation may be made complete therefore power is sealed upon thy head over temptation the flesh and the Devil over sickness pain disease and death until the appointment of God concerning the[e] are all fulfilled and thou hast formed to thy self a character by all thy labours of true holiness in attending to all the ordinances of the house of the Lord that shall be truly celestial and prepare the[e] for heavenly mansions with a seat at God['s] right hand in the kingdom of Abraham Isaac and Jacob with all thy kindred to go no more out which blessings I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha Bamker on August 15, 1845]

City of Joseph 15th August 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Martha Bamker Daughter of Samuel and Hannah born Burlington Co New Jersey 24 January 1822

Dear Sister In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm upon you a patriarchal blessing and one that shall prove a comfort unto the[e] in thy last day[s] strength and increase thy faith for thou art now in the days of thy [youth] & in slippery paths many are the temptations and [illegible] fulness of the Gospel but with thee the time will come when the [illegible] of the world shall loose all their charms and even now thy soul & thy heart has become devoted to the religion of the Latter Day Saints and it has been thy love and faithfulness and charity for the Latter day work and thy desire to see the Mount Zion spoken of by a[ll] the holy Prophets built up in this dispensation that has brought and preserved the[e] thus far altho' [although] it has been through difficulty much labour toil & persecution but all the sacrifices thou hast made shall be rewarded with as many stars in the crown of thy rejoicing and it shall not be in vain that thou hast forsaken thy youthful friends home and country to journey for a far better land of promise for their shall be given the[e] a home and everlasting inheritance in Zion and friends that are true and lasting

and when more mature years come on and all the vanities of youth are passed then thou shalt arise up in majesty and strength and thy voice shall be a terror to evil doers and thousands shall walk in thy footsteps and follow thine example for as one of the seed of Joseph whose blood runs in thy veins [veins] thy name shall be counted glorious and be remembered by a numerous posterity who shall call the[e] blessed and a Mother in Israel for unto thee shall be given a friend appointed of God who shall be empowered by the Holy Priesthood and the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob shall be upon thy father['s] house and in the midst of thine own habitation and upon the head of thy generations after thee and none shall be made more glorious when all these things are fulfilled upon thy head in their place for as the Angels in heaven

thou shalt be crowned with immortal glory and shine forth as a bright and shining light unto all succeeding Ages then with all these promised blessings upon thy head thou shalt enjoy celestial mansions with all thy kindred posterity and father[']s house with a salvation that is after the power of an endless life with a Joy and glory that shall never fail which blessings I seal on thine head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Hanse C. Hanson on August 15, 1845]

City of Joseph 15th August 1845 A Blessing by William Smith on the head [of] Hanse C Hanson Son of Ole P & Martha born Copenhagen Denmark 23rd November 1813

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon your [you] a Patriarchal blessing praying Almighty God to seal instructions upon thy heart to increase thy wisdom and enlarge thy understanding that thy soul may be edified in the fulness of the Gospel and thy spirit comforted because of thy goodly desires for thou hast desired to do a good work and to increase thy knowledge and for this reason thou hast come to Zion to unite with thy brethren in building the temple and to enlarge her borders and for all this thou shalt be rewarded & realize the desires of thine heart for they shall be fulfilled upon thine head even joy peace & the Holy Ghost and thou shalt received thine appointments & ordinations that are in Store for thee and even a friend shall be given the[e] as a comforter & thy posterity shall become numerous on the face of the earth and thy name shall not be forgotten for thou shall be numbered with the seed of the house of Israel even of the tribe of Joseph for thou art of his lineage and of his blood yet all the appointments that are made concerning the[e] are not yet made known for their yet remaineth a mystery to be unfolded in the own due time of the Lord but thou Shalt consider it when it comes to pass and is unfolded thou shalt understand it then shall thy glory be [illegible] of Zion and the fulness of thy duty and labor made known for the God of Abraham shall be thy support and in his arm shalt thou trust and Shall be delivered and great shall be thy reward when thou comest into thy kingdom for with Abraham Isaac & Jacob thou shalt rest in peace & be numbered with the 144,000 upon mount Zion which blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel E. Hull on August 18, 1845]

City of Joseph Augt 18th 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Samuel E Son of Elijah & Lucy Hall born in Berlin Hartford Co Connecticut 25th Augt 1813

Beloved brother — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall continue upon thy head throughout all thy days and generation. because of the integrity of thy heart thy feet shall be guided in the strait and narrow path and thy way shall not be in the wilderness, for by the light of truth shall thy course be directed, the same that has inspired thy heart to journey from distant lands to unite with the Saints. Zion shall be thy theme and within her shall thy habitation be and in all her glory thy Soul shall be satisfied & for all the sacrifices thou hast made, or the afflictions thou hast passed through thou shalt be rewarded fourfold, & in this world with that life that now is, and in the world to come with life everlasting, thou shalt realize the desires of thine heart for this shall all be fulfilled upon thy head and Zion shall be thy home for ever even an inheritance, in her shall be appointed unto thee by lot, and the blessings of the fulness of the earth are thine, when thou comest into thy kingdom for with the posterity of Joseph thine inheritance shall be counted for thou art of his blood and his blessing and glory shall abide with thee and upon thine house.

and in all thy habitations there shall be peace and safety and the destroyer shall not have power to enter there for unto thee shall be given power over sickness pain and disease and at thy rebuke the Devil shall flee away and evil Spirits shall be cast out and unto thee shall be given the word of wisdom — the word of

knowledge & faith by the same Spirit — the discerning of Spirits and none can deceive thee or ensnare thee by the Devices of Satan, and thy name shall be counted great in the midst of the earth in the last days, and thou shalt be blessed with a numerous posterity and the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob shall be upon the heads of thy generations after thee throughout all their days, And unto thee shall be given to inherit celestial joys with all thy kindred and father[']s house which I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Abi Hull on August 18, 1845]

City of Joseph 18th Augt 184[5]. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Abe [Abi] Hull daughter of George & Olive Adams born in Hanker New Hampshire December 15th 1819

Beloved Sister. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing even a blessing that shall be truly descriptive of thy character and future prospects, and that shall afford thee comfort in thy days of trouble for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief but it shall no longer be said of thee thou art an orphan wanderer destitute of home and kindred friends for unto thee shall be given Fathers and Mothers Brothers and Sisters and a home in the land of Zion that shall never fail & friends that are true and lasting thou art a daughter of Abraham and shall share in his blessings and the time shalt come when the things of thy former life shall be forgotten and all thy sorrows shall not be rememebered [remembered] for the joys of Zion shall comfort thy Soul and thy Spirit shall arise from its oppression and like the Angels in heaven experience new joys and greater glory

thou hast been given as a comfort and a ministering Angel to thy companion and thou shalt share in common with him of all the blessings that are sealed upon his head and with him thou shalt receive thine inheritance for thou art also of the seed of Joseph and according to the promise made unto the fathers thy glory shall never fail neither shalt thou suffer reproach for with fond remembrance thy name shall be cherished in the hearts of thousands to many generations and in the midst of thy posterity which shall be numerous thy name shall be praised as a Mother in Israel. The blessings of the earth are also thine the Society of thy kindred friends and father[']s house, that shall also be brought to dwell with thee in the new heavens and upon the new earth for ever this then is the blessing that is sealed upon thy head by the authority of the holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Robert Campbell on August 18, 1845]

City of Joseph 18th Augt 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Robert Campbell son of John & Susannah born Cambridge Co England 31st March 1810

Beloved brother. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing according to the holy order of God established in his church and the Spirit saith thou art a child of a peculiar Spirit and the world hath not known thee nor the depths of thy thoughts for in secret and to thyself hast thou pondered many things for thy desires have been to understand great knowledge and the laws by which the kingdom of heaven is governed by which worlds are regulated and all things preserved in their proper order also to understand the history of the past and to obtain a knowledge of the future, to venerate Prophets and respect ancient characters a love and esteem for antiquities which have inspired thy heart with a faith in the work of the last days to gather with the Saints to journey from a distant land to lay down thy life for thy Brethren [Brethren] to enter into the school of Prophets to understand the mystery glory & power of all the heavenly mansions to administer before the Sanctuary & finally to be taught of the Lord in all the fulness of thy Salvation

and in time to come for it shall be in thy last days and thy days shall be lengthened out, the desires of

thy heart shall all be fulfilled upon thy head for thou shalt see Israel gathered when his glory shall be as the firstling of a Bullock and thy name shall be respected among the honored ones of the earth as one of the horns of Joseph for thou art of his lineage and blood and as an engraver of images and as a man of talent whose intelligence has been increased by the inspiration of God thou shalt be numbered with the judges of Israel and as one who shall possess power to paint and describe the glories of celestial mansions, the caricature of heavenly and holy personages and thus with the Holy Prophets & Patriarch[s] of old with a diadem of glory & a crown of twelve Stars thou shalt sit down in the kingdom of heaven that shall be in the paradise of God to continue thy rest peace and labors for ever with songs and praise to God & the Lamb which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Bell on August 19, 1845]

City of Joseph Augt 19 — 1845 — A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Mary Bell daughter of John & Elizabeth Lemon born Renfrewshire Scotland November 1803

Dear Sister — In the name of Jesus Christ I seal upon you a father[']s blessing because thou art a daughter of Abraham and shall be justified by faith, and the afflictions of this world shall work out for thee a greater glory for the judgements of God and all his appointments and ways are not known unto man neither can man comprehend the heights and depths of his glory, for it is said whom he loveth he chastiseth according to the purposes of God a remnant shall be saved for it is written I have reserved unto myself 7,000 who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal & they are those who are numbered in the everlasting covenant & are of the promised seed to whom the promises and covenants were made, therefore their glory shall not fail neither shall they fail of entering into the promised rest of the children of God,

it is for this cause thou hast been preserved Dear Sister — and although afflicted in this world, that thy Spirit might be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus for Satan shall not destroy thee as he has purposed to do, neither shall he bring thy Soul into bondage and death, for in all thy days thou shalt see the power of God manifest, and his blessing and power shall be upon thy head. Thy faith and thy knowledge shall increase thy Spirit shall be comforted and thy heart shall be made glad, for unto thee shall be given a mighty conquest to rejoice over the power of darkness and to see the glory of God manifest in thy habitation for the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob are thine, and with them thou shalt receive thine inheritance even with the children of Joseph for thou art of his blood, and shall sit down in the kingdom of heaven to go no more out,

then shall all thy sufferings be forgotten and all thy pain and sorrow shall decrease and be no longer remembered and unto Many generations this blessing upon thine head shall be had in remembrance for the powers & blessings of the Holy Priesthood that pertain to thy fathers shall not be forgotten upon the heads of thy posterity, for it shall be restored in this last dispensation and is now sealed and brought back again the blessings of which are now upon thy head, then shall thy glory be great in the multitude and they shall call thee blessed even A Mother in Israel and with Jacob's remnants thou shalt inherit the earth even riches in abundance, when the earth is renewed again with all of thy kindred and father[']s house, which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Benjamin Willis on August 19, 1845]

City of Joseph Augt 19th 1845 A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Benjamin Willis son of John & Sarah born Westmoreland Co Pen[n]sylvania March 29 1792

Beloved brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing for it is by thy faith & the integrity of thy heart that thou hast attained unto this privilege.

Therefore a blessing is now sealed upon thee according to the desires of thine heart by means of which the promises that were made by the fathers concerning their posterity in their Salvation and redemption, the same is confirmed upon thee, and all the promises that were made concerning the house of Israel shall be fulfilled in the last days upon their heads, for unto them shall be given a land of promise and they shall inherit it for ever with thee, for the blessing of Jacob is upon thy head and shall be in the midst of thy house, and upon the heads of thy posterity after thee even unto many generations —

It shall not be in vain that thou hast obeyed the new and everlasting covenant for by this covenant the remnants of the house of Israel are gathered up and are prepared to receive their inheritance for thine inheritance shall be counted of the heritage of Jacob yet with the sons of Ephraim shalt thou be numbered for thou art of the blood of Joseph and also an Ephraimite by blood therefore the blessing of Joseph is also upon thee which blessing is of the dew and the deep that coucheth beneath, the blessings of the earth and the fulness thereof of the ancient hills and lasting mountains for it is given unto thee to be a tiller of the Soil to rule over the beasts of the field, to possess flocks and herds,

and because of thy charity the reward and blessing of the widow and fatherless shall be upon thy head and it shall not be by this alone that thou shalt be saved: but by the power and authority of the holy Priesthood that has been ordained of God from before the foundation of the world, that is appointed unto thee, it shall be sealed upon thine head and the heads of thy generations after thee by which thou shalt be called a Savior of thine own household of thy kindred and thy father[']s house: then shall all the sacrifices thou hast made, the troubles and afflictions and persecutions thou hast endured be rewarded upon thy head with an inheritance in the new heavens and upon the new earth, to enjoy the oil and the wine, the wheat and the corn and possess joys that shall never fail which blessing I seal upon thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Willis on August 19, 1845]

City of Joseph 19 Augt 1845 Wm Smith[']s Patriarchal blessing on Hannah Willis daughter of William & Martha Hamante born in Alleghany Co Pen[n]sylvania April 15 — 1802

Beloved Sister I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm upon you a father[']s blessing, for truly it may be said of thee that thou art a daughter of Abraham, and of the household of faith, and it has been thy faith in the name of Jesus Christ that hath made thee whole and raised thee up from beds of sickness & preserved thy life to the present time: the honesty and integrity of thy heart has brought upon thy Soul a spirit of justification by means of which thy prayers have been answered for when thou hast called upon the Lord in secret and made known to him thy troubles, when thy Spirit has been depressed, the Lord has heard thy prayers and from deep trouble hath he delivered thee with tender care hath the God of heaven watched over thee when enemies have sought to destroy thee temporally and Spiritually to rob thee of thy labours & thy just rights but unto thee is given conquest and by the mighty power of God shall thou still be preserved

and thy soul shall not be brought down into bondage, neither shall Satan have power to destroy thee for thy faith shall increase, thy knowledge shall increase thy glory shall increase and thy riches shall increase and thine enemies shall decrease because thou hast been willing to sacrifice kindred home and friends for Zion[']s sake, thou shalt be rewarded with tenfold blessings upon thy head even the true riches of heaven, joy and peace, home & friends, a land of promise and an everlasting inheritance, and with the children of Ephraim, too shalt thou eat thy bread receive thine inheritance and be made perfect in thy Salvation for thou art a descendant of Joseph of old who was sold into Egypt, through the loins of Ephraim, therefore thy blessing shall be in common with thy husband, and with him shalt thou inherit the earth, and a numerous

posterity shall call thee blessed even a mother in Israel thy name shall not be forgotten unto many generations, but with the righteous ones shalt thou be resurrected and here in this blessing is given unto thee a promise of thy father[']s house and the Salvation of all thine own household to join with thee to sing praises unto God and the Lamb for ever which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ — Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sara Ann Willis on August 19, 1845]

City of Joseph Augt 19th 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Sara Ann daughter of Benjamin & Hannah Willis born in Alleghany Co Pen[nsylvania] 4 Feby 1825

Dear Sister — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a father[']s blessing agreeable to thy father[']s request which shall be his blessing upon thy head according to the order of God given from under my hands and sealed and confirmed upon thee by the authority of the office of Patriarch in the church of the living God. The Spirit saith concerning thee that thou art a sharer of the blessings of Abraham and one of his daughters by faith for thou hast been a child from thy youth of a peculiar Spirit the world hath not known thy thoughts neither have they been made known to thy nearest friends: neither hath thy father[']s house understood the depths thereof

for in secret thou hast pondered well the things of the past, and by the inspiration of truth thy Soul has been borne up and thy Spirit comforted in view of the prospects of the future. the glory of Zion and the exaltation of the Saints & for thee there is a glorious reward, for the deeds of charity thou hast done thy labor of love shall not be forgotten among thy Bretheren [Brethren], for the prayer of the just man shall be heard in thy behalf. The blessing of the widow and fatherless shall follow in thy path the glories and excellencies of a celestial crown shall be upon thy head. and it it shall not be said of thee that it was in vain thou hast sacrificed thy youthful friends and despised wor[l]dly honors and aggrandisements for the cause of truth and for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for upon thy head is sealed a name that is more precious than the dew upon Mount Hermon or all the gold of Ophir for true riches and everlasting honors are thine

and thy glory shall be like the bright stars of the firmament or the sun in its meridian glory for none shall outshine thee in all the heavenly kingdom or be made more glorious in their place, because of thy humility and patience, meekness, kindness and long forbearance. thy gentleness and quiet spirit and & thy humility of Soul, great blessings shall be thine even in all thy father[']s house for thou shalt prove a comfort unto them & as a ministering Angel be their support in their old age, but of thee cometh blessings that shall be handed down unto generations after thee, for him who shall be thy friend God will appoint as thy companion endued [endowed], with the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood, & thy name shall not suffer a reproach in all the house of Israel for upon thy head shall be crowned immortal honors. And a Salvation that shall never fade away which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. A[me]n.

[Patriarchal blessing of John Willis on August 19, 1845]

City of Joseph 19th Augt 1845. A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on John son of Benjamin & Hannah Willis born Alleghany Co Pen[n]sylvania January 4th 1827

Dear Bro[ther]. I lay my hands upon your head by the consent and request of your father which shall be his blessing upon thy head sealed by the authority of the office of Patriarch — to thee dear Bro[ther] the Spirit saith, thou shalt live to a good old age if thou art faithful & prudent of thee thy father[']s house shall never suffer shame or disgrace because of thine obedience and thy faithful Spirit neither shall there be a reproach on thy head in youth or in maturer years, for there is appointed unto thee a legacy that shall be in-

herited from thy father[']s house and in the own due time of the Lord shalt thou inherit it even Priesthood authority and power to preach the Gospel to administer unto thy Bretheren [Brethren]

for thy voice shall be heard among many people and their hearts shall be made glad because of thy ministry, and the blessings of thy fathers shall be upon thy head throughout thy day and generation for as a legal heir thou shalt be considered an inheritor of that, that shall be handed down from father to son, according to the law of the Holy Priesthood, which Priesthood shall make thee a terror to evil doers and shall cause the very nations of the earth to tremble then shalt thou — return as a full shock of corn that is ripe to the house of the God of Jacob laden with many sheaves to receive thine inheritance with Ephraim's children for thou art of his blood and in the latter days shalt thou consider it & with joy & peace shalt thou inherit the earth when all shall again become a paradise, to possess flocks and herds kingdoms thrones and dominions which shall be thine forever which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of James McDonald on August 19, 1845]

City of Joseph 19th Augt 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of James McDonald son of Moses & Mary born Down Co Ireland 1st June 1802

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing for because of the integrity of thine heart thou hast been preserved thus far and brought to a land of promise to join with the Saints, and to build up the Zion of the last days, therefore thou art numbered with the scattered Remnants of the house of Israel and by the voice of one who is mighty to save, thou hast been called forth out of Babylon to receive the inherited promises made by the fathers concerning their children, saying that in the last days they should be gathered from every country wherever they had been scattered from among every nation kindred tongue and people, by the mighty power of God the shewing forth the greatness of the work of the last days in the gathering together of the house of Israel, and building a house unto the Lord, for the sons of Jacob wherein thine inheritance shall be made sure and stedfast and in Zion shall it be, and peace shall dwell in all thy habitations and thy joy shall increase in great abundance when all these things shall be fulfilled

and all shall be taught of the Lord then shall the sons of Jacob and also the sons of Joseph who are of thy Bretheren [Brethren] be made partakers of the fulness of their Salvation and according to promise inherit the earth forever, then shalt thou realize the desires of thine heart, then it shall not be said of thee that it was in vain thou hast left thy home and country and bid farewell to kindred friends, for thou shalt receive an inheritance among the sanctified appointed unto thee by lot even an inheritance that shall endure for ever, then thou shalt not mourn for all thy losses and troubles — as an orphan mourneth for the loss of parents for thou shalt be rewarded even an hundred fold in this world, and in the world to come receive life everlasting, therefore let thy courage fail not for the kingdom is thine, the power is thine. Salvation is thine. the inheritance is thine — for their shall be given unto thee to enjoy the Society of all thy kindred and father[']s house, & they of thine own household for ever in the kingdom of God which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sara McDonald on August 19, 1845]

City of Joseph Augt 19 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Sara McDonald daughter of Samuel and Nancy Ferguson born Down Co Ireland 1800

Dear Sister. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, even a blessing that shall continue upon thy head and thy generations after thee it is also because of

the integrity of thy heart that thou hast attained this blessing, and the desires thou hast had to do good & to deal justly with the Saints & to love mercy & for all these desires there is a reward even a reward that shall come upon thy head to the joy of thine heart, for in Zion the labors of thine own hands shall be blessed, and in all thy household thou shalt be blessed, and at thy rebuke evil Spirits shall flee away, for thou shalt have power given thee over evil Spirits, also over sickness pain disease and death until the purposes of God are fulfilled concerning thee,

for the Lord has appointed unto thee a work to perform that shall beget thee great honors in thy day, even a name that shall be like precious ointment, for unto thee many who are of thy sex shall come for counsel, and from thee they shall receive instructions and knowledge and follow in thy footsteps & thy pathway shall not be in the wilderness, for by the light of truth shalt thou be directed in all thy course for the God of heaven will bless thee as one who has been scattered upon the mountains and as a sheep that was astray from the fold thou hast been gathered to the Shepherd of the good sheep, thou hast heard his voice and followed him even into the kingdom where thy joy shall be full,

and in the own due time of the Lord thou shalt count up the history of thy generations for thy posterity shall be great in the midst of the earth, and thy name shall be written upon sacred Records. and numbered with the multitude that are called blessed, and of those who are of the seed of Joseph for thou art also of his blood, & thy Salvation shall be in common with the exaltation of thy Companion, for of all his blessings thou art a partaker, for thou shalt have a conquest over the power of Satan, & Salvation shall be thine, a crown of glory shall be thine, and an inheritance upon the new earth to enjoy the oil & the wine, the corn and the wheat with the children of Ephraim which blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Even so. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Jane McDonald on August 19, 1845]

City of Joseph 19th Augt 1845 — A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Jane McDonald daughter of James & Sarah born Down Co Ireland 17th July 1826

Beloved Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing according to the order established in the church of God, and truly it may be said of thee thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith: because of thy firm and undaunted step, the true fidelity of thy Soul with which thou hast determined to obtain the fulness of thy Salvation and to behold the glory of Zion; for in times of deep trouble when thy Spirit has been cast down, when thy Soul mourned under oppression the Lord in his tender mercy has heard thy prayers and hath raised thee up and delivered thee from thy bonds that like the bird uncaged thy Soul might be made free and enjoy the Liberty of the children of God, the Spirit of truth hath inspired thine heart, and by the power of an almighty God thou hast been preserved through the tempest and storms of the mighty deep, and been brought to a better country even Zion the land of thy home, where shall be given thee friends fathers mothers brothers & Sisters and all thy former troubles scenes of affliction through which thou hast passed, shall not be called to mind for they shall be forgotten

and thy Soul shall rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel and thy name and praise shall be great in the midst of the congregation of the Saints for all who know thee and learn thy Spirit shall bless thee, and follow in thy footsteps and thine example shall be as a written Memorial unto many generations, and with the honored ones of the earth thou shalt be numbered with the seed of the house of Israel, and with Joseph[']s remnants thou shalt receive thine inheritance for thou art of Joseph[']s blood through the lineage of Ephraim & shall be called a Mother in Israel for of thee there shall come kings & princes, a numerous posterity on the face of the earth, for thy reproach shall be taken away and unto thee shall be given a friend who shall be ap-

pointed of God endued [endowed] with the powers & blessings of the Holy Priesthood & shall be thy Savior & Redeemer which blessing I seal on thy head in Jesus Christ['s] name.

[Patriarchal blessing of John Z. Kelly on August 20, 1845]

City of Joseph 20th Augt 1845 — Wm Smith Patriarch['s] blessing on John Z Kelly son of John & Elizabeth born Isle of Man 26th August 1819

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal and confirm upon you a father['s] blessing, for it is because of the integrity of thy heart thou hast attained unto this privilege, and thou shalt receive according to thy desires for the Salvation of Zion and the gathering together of the house of Israel for unto thee is appointed to do a work in the own due time of the Lord, that shall beget thee great honors among the Gentiles and gather up many of the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and thy diligence shall not be slackened neither shall thy courage fail, for as a Lion that cometh up from the deep thicket whose angry growl maketh the very forest to tremble so thou shalt stand forth in mighty strength as a terror to evil doers, to test the causes of thy Bretheren [Brethren] and contend for their rights and the rights of thy father['s] house, and the blessing of Jacob shall be upon thine head even Priesthood authority, and shall continue upon the heads of thy posterity after thee, for it is not yet made known unto thee in it's fulness of all the appointments and blessings that God has in store for thee,

for thou shalt yet travel over many waters and visit other lands, and thy voice shall be heard by many who shall come to Zion with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads, and after many years thou shalt return to thy home and country even the land of Zion as a full shock of corn that is ripe prepared for the garner to sit down in the kingdom with the fruits of thy labors for peace and plenty shall dwell in the midst of thy habitations, and thine inheritance shall be with the sons of Joseph thy Bretheren [Brethren], and of this noble Patriarch who was sold into Egypt thy lineage shall be counted, and thine inheritance shall be great, thy Salvation be made perfect with all thy kindred and father['s] house, [and] in the new heavens and upon the new earth shall it be — with all the fulness, which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Gabriel L. Cotten on August 22, 1845]

City of Joseph Augt 22d 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch['s] blessing on Gabriel L Cotten son of Caleb & Nancy born Johnson Co Illinois 28th January 1823

Dear brother. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, which is according to the holy order of God in his church that blessings may be handed down from father to son unto all generations [preserv]ing the power of the Holy seed, that the Priesthood might be ordained upon th[o]se who were of that Royal stock, thus handing down from generation to generation the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood keeping in strict remembrance and observance of all the ordinances pertaining to the house of the Lord therefore after so many generations have passed away since the Priesthood was lost from off thy fathers

thou hast been remembered in this last dispensation in fulfilment of the promises that were made concerning the seed of the house of Israel, and thy blessing shall be equal to theirs who are of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob, for the blessing of these holy men are upon thy head, and the peace and glory of their habitations shall dwell in thine, for thou art of the seed of Joseph, and among his children thou shalt be gathered to inherit the new earth and to stand forever on Mount Zion with an everlasting inheritance to behold her glory when she is perfected and to partake of all her joys, then shalt thou see the travail of thy Soul and realize the desires of thy heart, enjoy the fruits of thy labors, for as a full shock of corn that is fully ripe, thou

shalt be gathered into the garner with many stars in the crown of thy rejoicing, then shall all thy kindred & they of thy father[']s house come forth to inherit a celestial kingdom with thee, which shall be above the brightness of the sun; — which blessing I seal on thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of James A. Clark on August 22, 1845]

City of Joseph 22 Augt 1845. A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of James A Clark son of John & Elizabeth born Grafton Co New Hampshire 13th April 1792

Beloved Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, and one that shalt continue upon thy head throughout all thy day and generation, for it is because of the integrity of thy heart that thou hast attained unto this blessing, and by the pure mercies of God thou hast been preserved and even greater blessings would have been given unto thee, had it not been for the device of Satan in keeping thee from enjoying a fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of christ, but still though thou hast left undone the more weightier matters yet when thou art sufficiently humbled after many days thou shalt return as a sheep that has strayed from the fold receive thy place and stand in thy lot, even that whereunto thou hast been appointed according to the purposes of God concerning the elect, they who are of the Royal seed.

then shall all thy past labors be duly appreciated & be rewarded with fourfold blessings on thy head, then shall the blessings of Jacob be upon thy habitation and in peace thou shalt dwell for ever, so gird up thy loins dear Brother — & prepare thyself for the work that lies before thee, and arm thyself to the conflict for thou shalt yet be set in the way of evil doers, & thy name shall be made most honorable among thy Bretheren [Brethren], and as a ministering Angel thou shalt stand & administer unto them, & they who are of thy father[']s house, then shall this blessing be fulfilled upon thy head, for if thy faith fail not joy is thine, Salvation is thine power majesty & dominion is thine an inheritance upon the earth with all the fulness thereof, with the oil & the wine which blessings I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Sabra Granger on August 22, 1845]

City of Joseph 22d Augt 1845 — Wm Smith[']s Patriarchal blessing on Sabra Granger daughter of Eldad & Sarah born Cheshire Co New Hamp[s]hire 17th February 1794

Dear Sister — In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, one that shall continue upon thy head throughout all thy days, for thou hast been a child of a peculiar Spirit the world hath not known thee neither the dephts [depths] of thy thoughts, neither has it been made known all the appointments of God concerning thee that shall be fulfilled upon thy head when the greater fulness of the Gospel is revealed, for unto thee there is given a promise that when Zion has become more perfect in the fulness of her glory that all the appointments of God made concerning thee thou shalt understand, and thy Salvation shall be made more perfect because of thy works, for unto thee shall be given the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom, blessings also of the earth and fulness thereof, for all thy labors shall not be forgotten, and the many sacrifices thou hast made shall be rewarded with blessings of the Holy Priesthood and appointments that shall number thee with the honored ones of the earth,

and the time shall come when they who have wronged thee shall restore that they have taken away and come unto thee confessing all their sins, & thou shalt triumph over thine enemies, and because of them thou shalt not suffer a reproach in all Israel, for all thy faith and goodly desires shall be answered upon thine head, with an inheritance in Zion that shall be everlasting for with Joseph[']s children thou shalt receive thine inheritance for thou art of the blood of that house, the blessings of Jacob shall dwell in all thy habitations, and generations after thee who shall be of thy lineage shall cherish thy name with fond remembrance,

and as one of the bright stars in the heavenly firmament thy glory shall be numbered with the multitude who have come up through great tribulations and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, to stand on Mount Zion forever: and the new heavens and upon the new earth shalt thou consider it, for every whit of this blessing shall be fulfilled on thy head, & thou shalt be crowned with honor immortality & eternal life, in the kingdom of Abraham to go no more out to enjoy the oil & the wine the corn & the wheat which blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Catherine Philips on August 25, 1845]

City of Joseph 25 Augt 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Catherine Philips daughter of Thomas D & Sarah born Philadelphia Pen[n]sylvania 1st August 1819

Dear Sister. In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, and one that shall continue upon thee th[r]oughout all thy day and generations, for thou hast been a child of a peculiar Spirit and in secret thou hast pondered over thy troubles, and the world hath not known thee, neither have they known the depths of thy thoughts but the time shall come when thy Spirit shall be comforted, and thy heart be made glad, and all thy goodly desires shall be fulfilled, and not a single enemy shall have power to triumph over thee. Although they may seek to ensnare thee and turn thy feet aside from the straight and narrow path, yet true wisdom shall be given thee to direct thy course and power over every evil Spirit, and thy knowledge shall increase and all thy prospects and expectations in the glory of Zion, for with her thou shalt receive thine exaltation, and not one promise that has been made thee shall fail, neither shall the blessings of heaven fail upon thine head neither shall the Servants of God fail who have borne a faithful testimony and gone to a world of Spirits for as the Redeemers and Saviors of this last dispensation they shall stand upon Mount Zion with all the holy & Sanctified throng who have come up through great tribulations, receive their rewards their kingdoms & their crowns of rejoicing and thine shall be the happy lot,

for an everlasting inheritance is now sealed upon thy head by a firm and determined Decree, and no power shall wrest this Salvation from thee for with honor thy name shall be handed down to posterity, and a companion, and a friend shall be given thee who shall be appointed of God, & by the powers & blessings of the Holy Priesthood thy name shall be enrolled with the honored ones, and thy Salvation shall be made complete, and if thy faith fail not none shall be made more glorious in their place for of thee shall come kings & princes, and even in this lifetime greater blessings than thy Soul now can contain, and upon the new earth shalt thou realize the complete fulfilment of this blessing with all thy kindred and friends to rejoice in the holy one of Israel, to dwell with thy Lord & thy king forever in a glory celestial and a joy that shall never fail which blessing I seal on thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Jane Warner on August 25, 1845]

City of Joseph 25th Augt 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Mary Jane Warner daughter of James & Mary Sloan born Tyrone Co Ulster Ireland 13th Feby 1819

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, for it is because of thy faith and the integrity of thy heart that thou hast attained unto this privilege and it truly can be said of thee that thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith, and in Joseph[']s lineage thy blood shall be counted and with his children even the children of Ephraim shalt thou receive thine inheritance, which shall be great for thee and thy posterity after thee, for in Zion thou shalt receive praise and honor even a reward for all thy labors toils persecutions and every sacrifice

thou hast made Thy glory shall increase far beyond thy present all thy present expectations for thy sins are not numbered against thee, neither shall they be brought up in judgement but with the pure in heart and the righteous who are sanctified with garments celestial thou shalt stand on Mount Zion in the great multitude of the Saints, with thy robes made white in the blood of the Lamb and thy Companion with thee, for no power beneath the heavens shall deprive him of an exaltation in the celestial kingdom,

& when all the purposes of God are fulfilled upon thy head & thou hast received every appointment made concerning thee and all of the ordinances pertaining to thy Salvation has been fulfilled, then shall thou understand more perfectly the fulfilment of this blessing on thy head, and all the fulness pertaining [pertaining] to the Salvation of many of thy kindred and they who are of thy Bretheren [Brethren] according to the flesh yea even all of thy father[']s house shall be partakers with thee of a celestial crown then shall thy name be praised in the congregations of the Saints & with fond remembrance shall it be cherished unto many generations for of thy lineage shall come mighty men who shall be ordained with the power and authority of the Holy Priesthood & upon them shall dwell the blessings of Jacob and the same shall dwell on all thy habitations a Salvation temporal & Spiritual flocks & herds with all the fulness of the earth to inherit it for ever when it is celestialized with every Spiritual gift with a joy and Salvation that shall never fail which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Huntsman on August 25, 1845]

City of Joseph 25 Aug 1845. A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Elizabeth Huntsman daughter of James & Hannah Spaulding born Worcester Co Massachusetts 10th Aug 1777

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, for it is because of thy faith and diligence that thou hast attained unto this privilege, and it may be truly said of thee that thou art a daughter of Abraham of Abraham [sic] and the afflictions thou hast endured shall prove thy Salvation, for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, the Lord has remembered thee and preserved thee to this present time for a wise purpose in himself, for thou shalt yet receive appointments that are in store for thee and the fulness of thy Salvation shall be made known unto thee even the fulness of the Gospel, and in the temple of God shalt thou hear it, and it shall prove a healing balm to thy Soul and thy Spirit shall be comforted, and thy hope strengthened and all thy Sins shall be forgiven thee then shall the glory of God be revealed and all the desires of thine heart be fulfilled, for there is nothing that has been taken from thee but what shall be restored either in this world or the world to come,

thy prayers shall be answered and the desires of thine heart be fulfilled in heaven shalt thou realize it, & none shall be made more glorious in their place, for thou shalt shine forth as one of the bright stars of the firmament and shall receive to thyself great glory and thy kindred shall sit down with thee and all they who are of thy house, then shall thy Salvation be made complete and all thy sufferings and afflictions shall be rewarded upon thy head with home friends & peace a country even the Zion of the most high God, where thine inheritance shall be most exalted, and with the children of Ephraim thou shalt receive thy blessing for thou art of their stock, and thy name shall be had as a living memorial unto many generations because of thy posterity & blood for upon the heads of thy generations shall be conferred the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood by which thou art saved & by which they shall inherit a celestial kingdom & thy glory shall be as the sun & a crown that shall never fade away if thy faith fail not which is seal[e]d on thy head in Christ[']s name Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of James Clinger on August 25, 1845]

City of Joseph 25 Aug 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of James Clinger son of Henry & Ann R. born Bedford Co Pen[n]sylvania 3d February 1813

Dear Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, and it is because of the desires of thine heart thou hast attained unto this privilege, for thou hast desired great wisdom and to see Zion built up and to become one of the chosen ones in this last dispen[s]ation, and truly thy wisdom shall increase and thine understanding be enlarged, thy sins shall all be forgiven thee and thou shalt be blessed because it is with a full purpose of heart that thou hast sought after the things of God, and the desires of thine heart shall be fulfilled for there are appointments made concerning thee,

and the time shall come when thy voice shall be heard as a gospel trumpet and with Israel thou shalt receive thine inheritance in the land of Zion for ever and with the sons of Joseph thou shalt be numbered when they shall receive their reward by lot, and of Ephraim's blood shall thy lineage be counted yet as a chosen vessel to do honor to the Lord and to save thy Soul from Hell for Angels have been given charge concerning thee and they shall bear thee up and no power shall deprive thee of an entrance into the kingdom of God & thy faith and works shall be rewarded with fourfold blessings on thy head and thou shalt see thy kindred come and partake of the joys of thy Salvation neither shall thy name be forgotten for thou shalt not die without posterity for I seal the blessings of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Laurah Lavina Shimer on August 26, 1845]

City of Joseph 26th Augt 1845. A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Laurah Lavina Shimer daughter of David and Elizabeth born in Chester Co Pen[n]sylvania 23d March 1825.

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing according to the holy order of God and because of thy faith and diligence thou hast attained unto this privilege, as a daughter of Abraham and as one that has been gathered up to be numbered among the sheep of the fold to receive thine inheritance in the land of Zion according to the desires of thine heart for when the days of thy youth are past and more mature years and experience comes on thy judgement and knowledge shall be increased and thy heart shall rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel and nothing of all thou hast desired to enjoy in this last dispensation shall be withheld from thee, for all thy sins are forgiven thee and shall not be numbered or brought up against thee in the day of judgement,

and all the sacrifices thou hast made in the days of thy youth in leaving thy home and country to join with the Saints in a distant land shall be rewarded with fourfold blessings on thy head, and if thy faith fail not and thou continue in thy faithfulness and integrity of heart for it has been this that has brought thee thus far, there are none among all the bright stars of the heavenly firmament who shall shine brighter in their place, for joy shall increase upon thy head even glory celestial, and unto thee shall be given friends, fathers, Mothers, Brothers, & Sisters, home and country, and an inheritance that shall never fail, and a name that shall be like precious ointment that shall be cherished with fond remembrance unto many generations who shall be of thine offspring and of the household of faith & they shall call thee blessed even a Mother in Israel,

for thy works shall be unto the name of the Lord and thy glory shall be of his, even mansions that shall be prepared and glories that tongue cannot describe, yet in all these things shalt thou rejoice and when the greater fulness is made known thou shalt understand more perfectly this blessing, for of thee cometh a numerous posterity even praise and honor therefore the powers and blessings of the Holy Priesthood shall exalt thee in the last days with all the Remnants of the house of Israel, with Joseph's Remnants of whose blood thou art crowned in the kingdom of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob with all the holy Apostles and Prophets to go no more out with immortality & eternal life with all thy kindred and father[']s house, which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Eleanor Ault on August 30, 1845]

City of Joseph Augt 30th 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Eleanor Ault daughter of Richard & Margaret born Stormont Co Eastern District Up[per] Canada 5 April 1830.

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing for it is by faith thou hast attained unto this privilege, and thy wisdom and knowledge shall increase and none of all the goodly desires thou hast had concerning Zion shall fail, for in thy youth thou shalt be blest and in old age great glory shall increase upon thee, and in the eyes of multitudes thy graces shall shine, for truly it shall be said of thee that thou art a daughter of Abraham of the seed of Joseph and of the household of faith, and of thy generations after thee shall be numbered a posterity that shall be great in the land, therefore thy name shall be like precious ointment, and thy days shall be lengthened out, and thy glory shall be seen in the midst of thy father[']s house for they shall all be partakers of the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom even of celestial mansions for the dead shall hear the voice of the son of God and all thy kindred shall be redeemed

so be faithful Dear Sister Remember thy prayers and the Lord will remember thee and preserve thee long in the land and his loving kindness shall be strewed in thy path, & from beds of sickness will he raise thee, and give thee power over evil Spirits, that they shall not harm thee nor turn thy feet aside from the path of true wisdom and thy Soul shall surely rejoice in all the fulness of the Gospel, for in Zion thou shalt have an everlasting inheritance and thy Soul shall surely rejoice in all the fulness of the Gospel, for in Zion thou shalt have an everlasting inheritance and thy Soul shall rest in peace for Zion shall be thy home for ever, and unto thee shall be given fathers, Mothers, Brothers & Sisters, and a crown of never fading glory upon a celestial earth where shall dwell happiness and peace forever which blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus.

[Patriarchal blessing of Joshua Helcer (not dated but probably August 1845)]

A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Joshua Helcer son of John & Lydia born Mifflen Co Pen[n]sylvania April 1812

Beloved brother — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing that you may be blessed in all your days and be preserved from the power of Satan unto a great and glorious work, for thou art of the stock of Israel and thy name shall be remembered unto many generations and praise and honor shall be upon thine head because of the integrity of thy heart, for thou hast left thy home and kindred to join with the Saints to build up the Zion of the last days for this cause thou shalt be blessed with the Blessings of the Holy Priesthood and power over thine enemies and with a glorious triumph [trump] shall thy Soul rejoice in the salvation of Israel in the last days, for with them thy father[']s house shall be numbered and all thy kindred and friends in the time of the great Resurrection

then shall the desires of thine heart be fulfilled for thou hast desired this blessing and thy joy shall be full, so give praise to God for thy Salvation for thou shalt be redeemed and the blessings of Jacob shall be upon all thine house and thy posterity and name shall be great, for thou art of the promised seed and of the blood of Joseph and thy glory shall be seen of the nations and in Zion thou shalt receive thy reward, even blessings and powers of the Holy Priesthood, and finally to preach to the dead and living and to all of thy Bretheren [Brethren] who are of thy father[']s house and to come laden with sheaves prepared for the garner, who shall stand as stars in the crown of thy rejoicing to receive thy inheritance in the new heaven and upon the new earth where shall be the corn the oil & the wine, and thou shalt be appointed as the Shepherd of the good Sheep, to inherit the flocks & herds, with the blessings of the earth in abundance, which Blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha M. Helcer (not dated but probably August 1845)]

A blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Martha M Helcer daughter of Henry & Ann R Clinger born Washington Co Ohio 23d December 1820

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing for it may be truly said of thee, thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, and many times has thy Spirit mourned as an orphan child that had no parents, yet if thou hast, they are dead to thee because of thy faith in the fulness of the Gospel, yet thou shalt not be entirely deprived of their Society for the time shall come when they shall hear the sound of the everlasting Gospel and thy prayers shall be answered upon their heads, and by thy faith they shalt inherit many blessings, for they shall see the errors of their ways and whether in life or in death they shall lay hold on the last hope of Israel and shall be saved even to the uttermost, and the power of Satan shall not wrest them from thy society or the Society of the Saints of God in the eternal world, & thy name shall be honored amongst women

for as a daughter of Abraham thou shalt be numbered with the house of Israel and partake of all the blessings of thy Companion for thine exaltation and glory shall be in common with his, and he shall be thy Redeemer and thy strong friend and with him thou shalt stand upon Mount Zion with the 144,000 and with Joseph[']s children thou shalt be numbered for thou art of his blood, and thy praise & name shall extend unto many generations because of thy moral worth and the integrity of thy heart, and as a Mother in Israel thou shalt be called and thousands shall call thee blessed for this is thy blessing even eternal life & a joy that shall never end in the name of Jesus christ — Amen

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Blessings by William Smith
Dated September 1845

[Patriarchal blessing of Richard Bender on September 1, 1845]

City of Joseph 1st September 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Richard Bender son of Lewis & Margaret born Salem Co New Jersey 15th October 1789

Beloved brother. In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing: according to the holy order of God established in his church from days of old, even a blessing that shall continue upon thy head throughout all thy days, and shall prove a source of comfort unto thee, inasmuch as it contains the promises of God by Revelation concerning thee, for the Spirit saith that thy last days shall be thy best days, for thou hast been a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief, and endured much affliction in thy lifetime yet from thy youth to the present time thou hast been looked upon as one of a peculiar Spirit, whose aspirations have been to be delivered from Sectarian bondage and from every yoke of oppression wherein thy Spirit has been bound to be freed from the oppression of tyrants & the tyranny of those who professed but did not possess the pure and undefiled religion of Jesus Christ.

Therefore the Lord has heard thy prayers, and thy feeble oblations have come up before the Sanctuary of the Lord, and have been answered upon thy head in that thou hast been gathered with the Remnants of Israel to enjoy the liberty of the sons of God, and to build up Zion that shall become the glory of the earth and the Salvation of all God[']s people, wherein thy Soul shall rejoice when the greater fulness of the Gospel is made known for in righteousness shalt thou receive a fulfilment of all the desires of thine heart concerning these things and thy Salvation with all of thy father[']s house & kindred for which thou hast prayed. and by faith thy prayers shall be answered, and with the Israel of God thou shalt receive thine exaltation with all thy progenitors and thy posterity after thee, for thou art numbered in the covenant of Abraham and of the posterity of Joseph, who are of Royal stock and of the household of faith, & the blessings of the living and the dead even of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob are upon thy head, with all the fulness of the earth and joys celestial with a Salvation that shall never fail in the paradise of God, to enjoy the fruits of thy labors which shall be many on a celestial earth then shall thy ministry be fulfilled and thy labors which are great be blessed for evermore, this blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Starling Griggs on September 2, 1845]

City of Joseph 2d Sepr 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Starling Griggs son of Uriel & Hannah born Alleghany Co Pen[n]sylvania 12 February 1819

Beloved brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to confirm upon you a Patriarchal blessing according to the holy order of God, that thy name may be enrolled among the righteous

ones, also be had in the Records of Israel and deposited in the archives of the temple where in honor to thy name in some future time shall be counted up the history of thy generations and all thy progenitors, that according to the order in numbering the house of Israel and building up kingdoms to the horns of Joseph, that thy fame and greatness because of the blessings & power of the holy Priesthood ordained upon thy head may be equal to thy Bretheren [Brethren], and all of thy father[']s house, for unto thee is made appointments that according to the purposes of God shall bring to pass much fruit upon thy head in the labors of thy ministry,

for of Joseph[']s stock thy lineage shall be counted, and of his blessing thou shalt be a partaker, and thine arm shall be made strong by the mighty God of Jacob and thou shalt wax valiant in the cause of Zion to redeem her sons from bondage and avenge the blood of prophets. the world hath not known thy Spirit neither the depths of the thoughts of thy heart, but thy ways shall be made known to the Gentiles, and in thy wrath and hot displeasure shall they feel the power of an avenging God for Zion shall be redeemed by judgement & her converts with righteousness then shall the Lamanites rejoice in the sound of thy voice, for they shall come to Zion to receive their inheritances and the labors of thy ministry shall be great, for the very heathens shall clap their hands for joy and in thy lifetime shall it be, for unto thee shall it be given to come forth in the Resurrection of the just and to stand as a Savior on Mount Zion to administer unto thy kindred and father[']s house, to enjoy a life everlasting upon the new earth where shall be flocks & herds which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Philandi Colten on September 2, 1845]

City of Joseph 2d September 1841 [1845]. A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Philandi Colten son of Charles & Poley born Erie Co New York 19th October 1811

Beloved Brother. I lay my hands upon your head to bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing according to the holy order of God, and one that shall be great for thee and thy posterity after thee, for in this blessing shall be made known some of the purposes of God concerning thee, and how that appointments were made from before the foundation of the world concerning a particular seed, that are now numbered with the house of Israel, and according to the promises made with Abraham shall receive power to enjoy a temporal Salvation and inherit the earth with all the fulness thereof, with that ministry of reconciliation that shall bring back the scattered Remnants of Israel, and restore them to their long lost possessions, therefore thy voice shall be heard as a Gospel trumpet on the mountains, and shall be endued [endowed] with power from on high to do the work of an Evangelist, and to build up the kingdom of God upon the earth, and be a Savior unto all those unto whom thou shalt administer

for thy glory shall be as the glory of one of the horns of Joseph, for thou art of his blood and lineage, and thy power shall be according to the covenants made unto the fathers, sure and ste[a]dfast and shall never fail, therefore the blessings of Abraham and Jacob shall dwell in the midst of all thy habitations and with thee all of thine household shall be honored with celestial crowns and thy labors shall be rewarded and thy faithfulness shall not be forgotten in all the camp of Israel, and when the labors of thy ministry is finished among the Gentiles, thou shalt return to Zion to possess thy inheritance, and as a full stock of corn that is ripe thy labors shall be gathered into the garner, and with thee shall be brought the lame, the halt, and the blind, and even of Israel that shall be gathered, who shall bring their silver & their Gold with them to beautify the Sanctuary of the Lord and make the place of his feet glorious, then shall thy praise be spoken of by many people. the sick shall be healed and the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and at thy rebuke the Devil shall flee away & Hell shall be made to tremble for the Lord has appointed thee to be a terror to evil doers & set

thee in their way, and thy power and the authority of thy Priesthood shall not fail in thy lifetime and in the new heavens and upon the new earth shalt thou consider it more fully, for a celestial crown is thine, with all thy kindred and father[']s house to sit down in the kingdom of heaven to go no more out which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ—Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Colten on September 2, 1845]

City of Joseph 2d September 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Poley Colten daughter of Samuel & Phebe Merrill born Madison Co New York 15th October 1816.

Beloved Sister — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head according to the holy order of God, to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing even a Blessing that shall be in common with thy Companion for in much mercy will the Lord visit thee in thy last days and because of thy faithfulness and integrity of heart in continuing in the true faith of the Gospel and the fulness thereof it shall be truly said of thee that thou art a daughter of Abraham and of the household of faith, and all thy former troubles and the days of thine afflictions shall not be brought into remembrance for thy God shall be thy support yea he shall deliver thee from all of thy deep distresses, neither shalt thou mourn for thy Spirit shall be comforted, for the blessings of the living and the dead are upon thy head, and they whose Spirits are in heaven will prove unto thee a guardian angel to direct thy footsteps, and none of all the purposes of God, that have been made concerning thee or by blessing, pronounced upon thy head shall fail,

for thou art of that Royal descent unto whom the promises were made and concerning whom it was said that in the last days they should be brought from every nation kindred tongue and people and inherit the earth temporally and enjoy a Spiritual Salvation which Salvation pertaineth unto thee and all thy household for thou art of the blood and lineage of him who was sold into Egypt, whose power shall preserve thee in all thy day and generation, and also thy posterity after thee, for upon their heads shall descend by right the authority of administering in holy things, for of thy posterity shall spring up mighty men and they shall wield the sword in Zion[']s defence and go forth to avenge the blood of Prophets for their hand shall be raised against the enemies of God and the unrighteous who are exalted on high, and shall be like the fierce lion that avengeth the wrongs that is inflicted upon him therefore the blessings of Jacob shall dwell in the midst of thy house, and with the children of Ephraim thou shalt receive thine inheritance in full with all thy kindred and father[']s house, and thy redemption and crown of of glory shall be like the sun, celestial and shall never fade away but endure forever, which Blessing I seal upon thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in the name of Jesus christ. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lemuel Lewis on September 2, 1845]

City of Joseph 2d September 1845. Wm Smith Patriarch's blessing on Lemuel Lewis son of David and Abigail born Essex Co New York 19th March 1802

Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing holy & righteous, because of the integrity of thy heart, & the desires thou hast had to understand the will of God, and to be [be led] by his holy Spirit into all truth, therefore the Spirit of truth shall teach thee and direct thy steps even another Comforter is now promised upon thine head which is a greater portion of the Holy Spirit of promise, that shall comfort thy heart in thine afflictions and give thee greater light & knowledge, and that life that comes from the fountain of light that shall inspire thy heart with a holy zeal and invigorate thy body & mind and seal with authority the blessings of a future state on thy head with all the glory of a temporal Salvation which must come in the holy order of God, and by the Melchisedec Priesthood which Priesthood must govern thee in all thy acts and secure to thee thine inheritance by a power that is irrevocable that maketh the Devil to flee away and Hell to tremble,

for thy words shall be powerful and prove a terror unto evil doers, and thy name shall be like precious ointment and the glory of thine honors shall be like the dew on Mount Hermon for the God of Abraham that maketh the light to shine and the darkness for the good of man has preserved thee for a righteous purpose, and in thy day and generation shall all their excellencies be made known, for peace shall dwell in all thy habitations, and the blessings of Jacob will be on the heads of thy posterity, for of thee shall come kings & mighty princes, who shall be of thy loins and they shall stand in the day of Zion[']s weakness and fight her battles and by them shall she be strengthened until in all her strongholds shall be found the Pavilion of the almighty, from which cometh power and authority dominions and kingdoms, enduements [endowments] that maketh the Saints to rejoice,

then shall thou understand more perfectly the ways of the Lord and all his dealings with thee, for with a glorious exaltation thou shalt be crowned in Abraham[']s kingdom with majesty power and dominion and with the children of Ephraim enter into the enjoyment of all thy labors which shall be great on the face of the earth, for thou art of Joseph[']s stock therefore unto thee pertaineth a Salvation temporal & Spiritual with all thy father[']s house to see length of days, and to live upon the new earth when it is celestialized to plant Vineyards and eat the fruit thereof, to build houses and not another inherit, to labor in the field and to dwell in the presence of God & the Lamb for ever which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Christ Jesus Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Weighty Lewis on September 2, 1845]

City of Joseph 2 Sepr 1845 City of Joseph 2 Sepr 1845. A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Weighty Lewis daughter of John & Diana Stanton born in Canada 11th June 1807

Beloved Sister. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing, therefore thou shalt receive a Blessing that shall prove a comfort unto thee in all thy days, and unto thee shall be given the Spirit of truth that shall teach thee of sin, of righteousness, and of a judgement to come even the Holy Ghost for thou art worthy for by thy faith thou hast attained unto this Blessing, and the faithfulness of thy heart shall be remembered in after days, with blessings upon thy head that tongue cannot express, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to understand what God hath laid up in store for the righteous, and surely Dear Sister thy reward is sure and thy crown is certain for the Lord will remember all of thy labors, and the many sacrifices thou hast made, and the afflictions thou hast endured in this world shall be as so many stars in the crown of thy rejoicing and thy reward shall be exceedingly great — length of days is in thy hand, thy Love and thy deeds of charity shall be rewarded with friends and habitation, and the poor, the needy, the widow and the fatherless shall call thee blessed,

and them that bless thee shall be blessed and they that curse thee shall loose their reward for a just judgement shall be administered unto all, and thy desire shall be unto thy husband and he shall rule over thee, & thy glory shall be equal to his, for thou art of the same blood and lineage — therefore let thine aspirations continue for with holy hands shall thou stand in the midst of all thy household with all thy posterity around thee, & administer Salvation unto them who shall call thee blessed even a Mother in Israel, for it becomes thee and thy duty is to be a partaker of the Holy Priesthood to receive thine appointments and thine ordinations according to the purposes of God concerning thee in thy lot and in thy place, that thy habitation wherein dwelleth righteousness may be as the sanctuary of the Lord, and thy goings forth like the mighty among the daughters of Israel, whose praise shall be great in the congregation of the Saints and whose name shall be cherished with fond remembrance unto many generations then shall thy glory be as the glory of Israel and with majesty and great dominion shalt thou inherit the blessings of Jacob with thy Companion in the paradise of God then thy joy shall never fail which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus.

[Patriarchal blessing of Henry Willcox on September 2, 1845]

City of Joseph 2d Sept 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Henry Willcox son of Henry & Poley born Munroe [Monroe] Co New York 13th January 1813

Beloved Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing in the name of Jesus christ and by that authority that is purely Patriarchal in the church of the Living God, for thou shalt be as a polished shaft in the hands of the Lord in doing a work on the face of the earth that shall beget thee great honor and renown and the time shall come when it shall not be said thou art a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief for all thy mournings shall cease for although there yet awaiteth afflictions for thee in thy path yet thou shalt have power over disease and the enemy shall not bring thy Soul down into bondage neither shall thy Spirit faint, for a noble purpose the Lord hath preserved thee unto this present time & although the hand of affliction hath been laid heavily upon thee, yet the God of heaven hath preserved thee from the jaws of death, and delivered thy Soul from the snare of the fowler, for with great power hath the Devil sought to destroy thee, to lead thee captive at his will and to bring thy body into the grave,

but be encouraged Dear Brother gird up thy loins and prepare thyself to the conflict, there yet remaineth a promise to be fulfilled upon thy head and thy glory shall not fail, neither shall thine enemies triumph over thee, for power shall be given thee to stay the hand of death and thy days shall be lengthened out and as a faithful shepherd that guardeth well the flock thou shalt yet be appointed to many honors among thy Bretheren [Brethren], and thy ministry shall yet be great in the land, therefore thou shalt be saved unto the uttermost with all thine household and thy kindred, for the blessings of Jacob are thine and with his seed even the sons of Joseph of whose blood thou art — thou shalt receive thine inheritance by lot in the new heavens and upon the new earth, where shall be the oil & the wine the corn & the wheat to rest in peace for ever which Blessing I seal upon thee in christ[']s name.

[Patriarchal blessing of Clarrissa Willcox on September 2, 1845]

City of Joseph 2 Sept 1845 — A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on Clarrissa Willcox daughter of Zina & Triphena Redfield born Windsor Co Vermont 27th October 1816

Dear Sister — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing in the name of Jesus Christ, and it is by faith that thou hast attained unto this privilege, and by faith the power of God hath preserved thee and been manifested to thy great deliverance and to the joy of thine heart, and for time to come thou shalt receive a greater portion of the Holy Spirit of promise by which thou art sealed unto the day of redemption as a comforter even the Holy Ghost that shall teach thee of sin of righteousness and of a judgement to come, and guide thy footsteps in all thy lifetime, for of thee shall be seen great wisdom and thy moral worth in the Society of the Saints shall be remembered unto many generations, and thy name shall be praised among all the daughters of Israel for as a mother a numerous posterity shall call thee blessed,

for thou art numbered with the covenants made to Abraham and of that Royal lineage to whom pertaineth the promises & blessings of an eternal life and an exaltation at the right hand of God, a crown and glory that is celestial to abide in the kingdom forever, to stand in thy lot and place as a ministering Angel to comfort thy Companion and administer solace peace and union to thy friends around thee, for which thou shalt be called a peacemaker, and with honor shall thy lifetime be spent in the service of God in the building up of Zion, and none shall be made more glorious in their place, and when thou shalt receive thine inheritance it shall be with him whom God has appointed as thy Companion, and thy glory shall be equal to his and in judgement and equity shall he preside over thee, then shall thy fears cease neither shall doubts trouble thee anymore, for the glory of God shall be as a wall round about thee and great shall be thy Salvation and with the children of Ephraim shall it be, a heaven that shall never fail, and a joy that shall never cease in the

paradise of God, with all thy kindred and friends also to enjoy the oil and the wine which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of William Coray on September 6, 1845]

City of Joseph 6 Sepr 1845. A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of William Coray son of Silas & Mary born Alleghany [Allegany] Co New York 14th May 1823

Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing for by faith thou hast attained unto this privilege and by faith thou shalt receive a fulfilment of all the promises that have been made by the fathers concerning thee, because of thy lineage which is of the stock of Jacob and in his heritage thou shalt receive thine inheritance —, and thine heart shall be made glad in all the fulness of the Gospel in all thy days for in thy lifetime thou shalt have power given unto thee that shall exalt thee on high & thy knowledge shall be increased and thy last days shall be like the days of Prophets, because of the Spiritual guide that shall be given thee, even the Holy Ghost another Comforter — in all things thou shalt be spiritually minded and heaven shall unfold her rich treasures to thine understanding, and by the Spirit of truth thou shalt be directed in all thy steps,

for thou shalt be clothed upon with glory and honor, a blessing and power of Priesthood authority that shall be peculiar to thy lineage, therefore the blessings of Jacob shall dwell in thy habitations and continue upon the heads of thy generations after thee, and power shall be given thee over thine enemies and over all evil Spirits and because thou art of that Blood Royal unto whom God made promises in days of old great shall be the power that shall be in the midst of thy posterity and of thee shall come forth a Branch of the house of Israel, that shall be mighty like unto princes and kings who rule with equity and judgement, and thy Soul shall be lifted up in the last day, thou shalt see the travail of thy Soul, and rejoice in the fruits of thy labors, for in thy father[']s house shall be ordained a mighty prince who shall bear rule among the armies of Israel and none of them shall be lost, for they shall be gathered in from every nation, kindred, tongue, and tribe in the dispensation of the fulness of time, when all the fulness of the glory of Israel shall be brought in,

and their joy and excellency become the praise of the earth and as a judge thou shalt be appointed with thy Bretheren [Brethren] to exercise great dominion and adjust the causes of the Saints by which thou shalt be esteemed as a peacemaker in Israel and as one who shall be endued [endowed] with power and authority. A Savior of mankind, a comforter to thy father[']s house to stand upon Mount Zion with the 144,000 and to receive thy inheritance with the children of Ephraim, with all thy kindred and father[']s house with innumerable Stars in the crown of thy rejoicing with Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob to go no more out upon a celestial earth where shall be the oil & the wine which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Lars Larson on September 8, 1845]

City of Joseph 8th Sepr. 1845 A blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Lars Larson Son of Lars and Martha born in Norway 11th Jany. 1825

Beloved Bro[ther] I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a patriarchal blessing in the name of Jesus Christ even a blessing that shall continue upon thy head throughout all thy days and one that shall afford thee comfort in times when thou art cast down and raise thee up on high for it shall be thy lot to be guided by the Spirit of truth even the Holy Ghost the Second Comforter shall teach thee of sin of righteousness and of a Judgment to come and the windows of heaven shall be opened to thy view, and thy knowledge shall increase and thy soul shall rejoice in the fulness of the Gospel in the glory of the work of the latter days of which thou art a messenger to the nations yea a chosen Vessel unto the Lord and the power

of thy ministry shall increase upon thee and thy wisdom shall be great among thy brethren & in the congregation of the Saints thy feet shall be guided in paths that the world knows not of, and thy tongue shall speak praises that the wicked have never experienced and thy voice shall be a terror to evil doers for a mighty one that cometh from the wilderness thou shalt go forth and prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight for Israel shall be blessed with the labours of thy ministry

and thy soul shall rejoice when the sons of Jacob shall be exalted and Zion shall be thy theme, even praise & honor from the holy one of whom thou shalt bear witness when thou art in possession of that everlasting inheritance that is ordained upon the children of Ephraim when they are gathered and redeemed thou shalt see the fulfilment of the promises of God concerning them upon thine head for thou art of that stock and blood of Joseph who was sold into Egypt upon whose head according to the purposes of God is ordained the power and blessings of the Holy Priesthood and keys of Authority that pertain to the last dispensation wherein thou shalt be redeemed with all of thy father[']s house and those who are of thy posterity after thee for the blessings of Jacob are thine, Abraham & all holy Prophets, with them sealed up unto eternal life with an inheritance that shall never fade away to go no more out which blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Chancey W. West on September 9, 1845]

City of Joseph 9 Sept. 1845 A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Chancey W West Son of Alva & Sally born Venango Co Pennsylvania 6th Feby. 1827

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a patriarchal blessing according to the holy order of God established in his Church for although thou art now in thy youth yet thy faith has made thee whole and by faith thou hast attained unto this blessing and privilege and as a mighty archer thou hast been chosen and there remaineth appointments for thee that shalt exalt thee in time to come and when in the forest thy bow shall be drawn it shall be a deadly aim for in thy days there shall be wars and conflicts and thy paths shall be in the wilderness and it shall be like the [illegible] roe from thine enemies and thine arm shall be [illegible] to the battle when the mighty ones shall lead the armies of the lord and the hosts of Israel & it shall be in the day of wrath and the day of vengeance when God shall ride forth from conquering to conquer and his fierce wrath shall be poured out upon the enemies of Zion and he shall avenge the blood of Saints and prophets

thine shall be thy lot Dear Brother to see great signs and wonders in thy day and generation to behold the crumbling of Babylon the [illegible] my vengeance [vengeance] of God when it shall be poured out there with Priesthood authority with which thou art clothed thou shalt make known the power of the ministry inherited from thy fathers even thy progenitors for many of them administered before the Sanctuary of the Lord which ministry & priesthood is now confirmed upon thy head by an irrevocable decree according to the order of God handed down from the fathers [father] to son and from thy youth up thou shalt experience the power and blessings of this priesthood and true wisdom and knowledge shall increase upon thee and the time shall come when thy soul shall be filled with all the fulness of the latter day dispensation temporally and spiritually for conquest is thine, glory is thine, power is thine and an inheritance in thy father[']s house and an exaltation in celestial mansions with a numerous posterity and all thy kindred friends to inherit celestial Joys for ever which blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Christ

[Patriarchal blessing of Israel West on September 9, 1845]

City of Joseph 9 Sept. 1845 A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Israel West son of Alva & Sally born Alleghany Co New York 25 May 1831

Beloved Brother In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a patriarchal blessing according to the holy order of God that you may be blest throughout all your days and by the power and virtue of the Holy Priesthood and the Holy Spirit of promise by which thou art now sealed may preserve thee in thy footsteps in all thy future life and keep thee from the power of temptation that thou mayest be preserved unto the nob[le] purposes for which thou art blessed and sealed and in future time must according to the promises made unto the fathers be made equal with thy Brethren and thy father[']s house for as a chosen Vessel thou art set apart unto purposes unknown to the world and a work that shall beget thee great honor in thy day & generation and yet there remaineth conflicts that is common & attendant on human life and thy soul will need strength and thy faith to be increased, and thy mind strengthened both soul & body

yet thy spirit shall live and thy soul shall triumph and it shall be thy lot to sit as a Judge in Israel and try the causes of thy brethren when thou art aged and as a peace maker thy name shall be celebrated in the congregation of the Saints for this shall be thy gift and the glory of thy ministry and when the elements of the world are at war with one another and the conflicts of Zion are contested thine shall be the happy lot to dwell in peace and thy habitation unmolested yet as a man laden with heavy armour who contendeth for the cause of Zion thou shalt establish peace by virtue of thy ministry and it shall be the sword of the spirit the wisdom and knowledge of God and the armour of righteousness shod with the preparations of the Gospel of peace and Zion shall be thy abode and the sons of Jacob thy glory and Ephraim shall be given unto thee as thine inheritance and great shall be thy reward for with Hallelujahs and Hosannas upon thy tongue & praises to thy God thou shalt be exalted to celestial mansions to go no more out in the name of Jesus Christ

[Patriarchal blessing of Francis A. Brown on September 9, 1845]

City of Joseph 9th Sept 1845 — A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Francis A Brown son of Jessee & Roxannah born Otsego [Oswego] Co New York 14th Nover 1822.

Beloved Brother. In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, even a Blessing according to the holy order of Patriarchs in days of old established in the church of God, it coming unto thee and sealed upon thy head by a determined Decree of the Great Jehovah, because of thy faith and lineage being counted of Abraham, of Jacob and of Joseph who was sold into Egypt, handed down from father to son, even Priesthood power and authority confined to that Royal stock and noble blood that was not allowed to mingle among the nations in order to preserve the purity of the Sanctuary of the Lord and the Holy Priesthood from adulteration, and the ministry and power of all the holy ordinances of the church to be held in sacred remembrance unpolluted [unpolluted] from generation to generation,

not even a stranger to administer before the alter [altar]; of which ministry thou art now called and chosen as a messenger in this last dispensation to do the work of an Evangelist and to preside over many people as a faithful Shepherd, none shall be counted more wise or be blessed with greater wisdom in thy day when by great experience thy judgement is complete for it shall be thy study to learn [of] God & his ways and his character from Books, and the works of creation the Laws of nature and all the power of worlds combined to study of reason, the arts of Philosophy, with exalted views and notions of worlds unknown and the antiquities of former years, the monuments and statutes that shall be had in remembrance of these holy worthies that have fallen as martyrs, who have sealed their testimony with their blood from the sacrifice of righteous Abel down to the testimony of the last Prophet that shall be raised up to complete the ministry of the fulness of times, thy Sins are forgiven thee & thy Spirit and thy Soul shall be feasted in thy researches after truth, and the Sanctification of the Holy Spirit shall present thee as a living Sacrifice holy

and acceptable unto the Lord, as a messenger of the new and everlasting covenant and as a faithful minister before the Sanctuary of the Lord,

and with great honor and renown clothed with Priestly robes thou shalt stand before the alter [altar] and administer, and with incense thy prayers shall ascend unto the ears of the God of Sabaoth [Sabaoth], and with devoted and firm oblations thy Bretheren [Brethren] shall be blest by thy ministry, & thy prayers shall be answered upon their heads thou shalt also proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and stand as a watchman upon the walls of Zion, thou shalt also be called a peacemaker, and with great celebrity thy name shall be honored in the midst of the congregations of the Saints, and if thou art faithful and true, & thy faith fail not by thy ministry much good shall be done in the name of the holy child Jesus and the wicked shall be turned from his wicked ways and the righteous shall rejoice in the holy one of Israel and thine inheritance is sure for thou shalt be blessed with all the blessings of the Spiritual kingdom, with Love joy & peace & the Holy Ghost and with posterity by which thy name shall be perpetuated in the kingdom of Abraham Issac [Isaac] & Jacob with all the joys of the celestial kingdom which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Leslie Syme on September 9, 1845]

City of Joseph 9 Sepr 1845. A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Leslie Syme son of William & Margaret born Fyfeshire Scotland 30th Sepr 1816

Beloved Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father[']s blessing in the name of Jesus christ according to the holy order of Patriarchs established in his church for it is by faith that thou hast attained unto this privilege and blessing, and the blessing and power of the most high God shall rest upon thee and thy Soul shall be refreshed by the refreshing showers of grace divine which is an endowment [endowment] that thou shalt receive given thee of God through the administration of the Holy Spirit whereby thou shalt be qualified for celestial mansions and officiate in the office of the Holy Priesthood in administering the ordinances of the house of the Lord by which means Salvation through thy ministry shall be carried to thy father[']s house and among thy kinsfolk and Bretheren [Brethren] even over many waters thou shalt be called to journey to rear the standard of truth according to the desires of thy heart among many people yea nations afar off by thy labors shall hear of the glory of God & learn of his fame and those who now sit in the dark valley and shadow of death shall hear & they too shall be brought to Zion with the Israel of God with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads

and from this time the Spirit of truth shall be poured out upon thee more abundantly and the blessing of Jacob shall be upon thy head and dwell in all thy habitations and the knowledge of thy privileges and blessings shall increase upon thee also the power of thy ministry thy duty and thy calling for as a special Witness thou art called and chosen to bear testimony to the nations of the glory of Zion and the great work of God that is to be brought to pass in this last dispensation and for all thy labors and sacrifices thou shalt be blessed with wisdom and with knowledge that cometh from above by Visions and by Visions and [sic] when the fulness of the glory of Zion is made known then thou shalt see and hear & know that thou art of the blood and lineage of Joseph and of the household of faith and of the promised seed and with Ephraim shall receive thine inheritance with all thy posterity kindred and father[']s house to go no more out wher[e]in dwelleth righteousness for which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ — Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph West on September 9, 1845]

City of Joseph 9th Sepr 1845- A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Joseph West son of Alva West & Sally born Venango Co Penn 23 June 1822

Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, which is after the holy order of God established in his church that you may be blessed with the blessings of heaven above and the blessings of the earth and all the fulness thereof, even the dew & the deep, the ancient hills and the everlasting mountains, which is according to the blessings of Joseph of old that ancient Patriarch that was sold into Egypt upon the heads of all his posterity, and because thou art one of his children his Blessing is upon thine head even the blessings of life everlasting a temporal Salvation a ministry of the Holy Priesthood a qualification of power given by the Holy Spirit because of thy right by lineage to that inheritance to be a Messenger to the nations even a Messenger of peace, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and bring the sons of Jacob from afar, for among nations afar off

thy voice shall be heard among many people for thou hast been appointed as a chosen vessel and set apart as one that shall do a great work in thy day and generation in the ministry and as a terror to evil doers thou shalt stand in the way of the wicked & like the roaring lion that cometh up from the thicket whose Angry growl maketh the forest to tremble shall thy voice be heard and many shall fear the Lord of hosts and mighty princes shall bow to the mild sceptre of the Gospel and humble themselves to the dust and with the Israel of God shall they come to Zion and the ships of Tarshish shall bring them and their Silver & their Gold with them to the place of the Mount Zion wherein dwelleth righteousness, and whose glory shall be seen of the nations and where the Israel of God shall receive their inheritances and be redeemed from all their Evils and corruptions then shall thy ministry be great in the land and thy power become like the mighty one whose arm shall be strengthened by the great God who shall stand as an avenger of the blood of Prophets when his fierce wrath is made known among the wicked, and he shall avenge himself of all the wrongs and Zion shall be redeemed forever.

Therefore gird up thy loins dear Brother and prepare thyself for the conflict. watch pray and be sober for thou art a child of a peculiar Spirit and although the Devil has sought to ensnare thy Soul yet from his grasp thou hast been delivered and in faithfulness and by the power of God thou shalt be delivered from every snare & triumph over thine enemies and over every evil Spirit and great shall be thy deliverance and thy crown of rejoicing when thou shalt see the fulfilment of this Blessing on thy head and realize the greater fulness of thy ministry and all of its powers and privileges and blessings upon thee,

thy name shall not be forgotten but shall be remembered in after generations and in all thy habitations shall dwell the Blessings of Jacob Abraham and all holy Apostles & Prophets peace and union shall be thy common lot, prosperity temporally and spiritually and unto thee and thy Companion who has been given thee of God true & faithful shall she prove a Comforter, a ministering Angel in all thy distresses and when thou art afflicted and in old age thou shalt be gathered to the land of thy fathers where shall be the tabernacle of the Lord the house of Jacob the Zion of the last days with all of thine household & kindred to enjoy the fulness of thy Salvation with all the labors of thy ministry where shall be fathers mothers Brothers & Sisters houses & Lands flocks & herds and to plant Vineyards & to eat the fruit thereof & rest in peace forever Which Blessing I seal on thy head in christ['s] name

[Patriarchal blessing of Lucinda West on September 9, 1845]

City of Joseph 9th Sepr 1845 — A Blessing by William Smith Patriarch on the head of Lucinda West daughter of William and Elizabeth Borton born Seneca Co New York 22d Oct 1825

Beloved Sister. I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a father['s] blessing in the name of Jesus Christ, it being my office to bless the fatherless according to the established order of Patriarchs in the church of God therefore at this time a Blessing is sealed upon thy head and by the Spirit of Revelation unto thee shall be made known thy future prospects & the glory & future purposes of God concerning thee for

thou hast been a child of a peculiar spirit and thy Soul has aspired after the glory of the latter day kingdom and to understand great wisdom and knowledge and with charity and loving kindness hast thy Spirit bid the servants of God Godspeed and with heartfelt gratitude and prayer to the God of the Universe desired their success desired their success [sic] and the prosperity of Zion

and yet although thy Spirit want to faint by the way because of troubles and trials and the strong opposition of a persecuting world the power of Satan manifest to draw thee away from the truth yet thou hast been strengthened in the times of every peril and from the power of temptation be delivered and thy Soul shall find rest and peace and the desires of thine heart shall be realized, and they who have turned away from thee because of thy faith that wherein thy Spirit has been afflicted shall yet acknowledge thy testimony and come bending unto thee and acknowledge that of all the glory of God that has been revealed in these last days that now these truths have been revealed for their Salvation wherein their Souls shall also rejoice even kindred friends and it shall not be said of thee Dear Sister that thou art a child of sorrow and acquainted with grief or that thou mournest as an orphan for all that thou hast lost shall be restored unto thee in the day in the day [sic] of the great retribution even houses and Lands fathers and Mothers Brothers & Sisters

for with thy Companion thy Salvation shall be made complete and with him thou shalt be exalted to mansions in the celestial kingdom and every sacrifice thou hast made in this world shall be as so many stars in the crown of thy rejoicing with the daughters of Abraham thou shalt receive thine inheritance among all the sanctified ones with power and with glory and with honor among the honored ones of the earth who are exalted to thrones and dominions and kingdoms that shall never end because thou art of the chosen seed of promise of Joseph[']s Blood therefore among his Remnants thou shalt be gathered and saved upon Mount Zion with the 144,000.

the Spirit of truth shall guide thy steps, peace and union shall dwell in all thy habitations, and the blessings of the widow and fatherless shall be upon thy lead [head], because of thy charity and the liberality of thy Soul and they that shall bless thee shall be blessed and if they curse thee they shall loose their reward thy charity shall beget thee a place in many habitations who shall not turn thee from their doors, thy Soul shall be filled with the glories and blessings of this Latter day kingdom, Angels shall guard thy head by day & night, with fond remembrance thy name shall be cherished in the hearts of many from generation to generation and as a Mother in Israel thy posterity shall call thee blessed and among the daughters of Abraham thy name shall be great and thy glory excellent, therefore with the children of Ephraim who are of the covenant seed of promise thou shalt receive thy inheritance that shall never fail and no power shall wrest thy Salvation or this Blessing from off thy head for it shall all be fulfilled and upon the new heavens and upon the new earth shalt thou consider it even the blessings of the earth — Leah & Rachael — with all the blessings of Holy Apostles and Prophets in the name of Jesus christ

[Patriarchal blessing of Alva West on September 9, 1845]

City of Joseph 9 Sept 1845. A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Alva West son of Daniel & Elizabeth born Berkshire Co Massachusetts 21st June 1795

Belov[ed] Brother — I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing in the name of Jesus christ and according to the holy order of God established in his church, and a Blessing that shall prove a comfort unto thee, and one that shall continue upon thine head throughout all thy days, for it is by faith that thou hast attained unto this privilege, and being numbered with the holy seed of promise according to the purposes of God, no power can deprive thee of thy blessings, or of thy privileges in the kingdom of God, for thou art called and chosen, and set apart according to the authority and power of the Holy Priesthood, for the work of this last ministry, in gathering together the house of Israel to bring to pass the

fulness of this last dispensation, and receive the honors and powers ordained upon thy head from days of old, because thou art of the stock of Joseph and of the seed of Abraham to whom the promises were made

therefore the Spirit of truth, the Comforter even the Holy Ghost, shall unfold from time to time thy duty, and the power of thy calling and the glory of thy ministry shall increase upon thee, while the windows of heaven shall be open to thy view, and the knowledge of God shall be revealed unto thee by Visions and dreams, and in great abundance shalt thou understand the mysteries and glories pertaining to the celestial kingdom and it shall be the beginning of new days and new joys to thy Soul for upon heavenly manna shall thy Soul be feasted and great shall be thy Salvation and thy reward, and thy power as a Ministering Spirit to those who shall be heirs of Salvation to both the living and the dead, and they who are of thy father[']s house and all those of thine own household shall be redeemed and thy joy shall be full and the former things shall not be brought into remembrance for all thy trouble shall be forgotten, and thy last days shall be thy best days for the blessings of Jacob are upon thine head and shall dwell on all thy habitations, and in his heritage shalt thou receive thine inheritance and with the children of Ephraim be numbered and all shall be well with thee and thy house in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Andrew S. Gibbons on September 11, 1845]

City of Joseph 11 Sept 1845 — A Blessing by Wm Smith Patriarch on the head of Andrew S Gibbons son of William & Poley born Licking Co Ohio 11th March 1825

Beloved Brother — In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing according to the holy order of God established in his church from days of old, for it is by faith thou hast attained unto this privilege and blessing which shall be unto thee a source of comfort and fortell thy future prospects for as a messenger to the nations thy destiny is appointed in this last dispensation to officiate in the ministry as a faithful and wise steward & as a good Shepherd to feed the flock and to gather together those that have strayed from the fold to hunt them even upon the mountains of Israel and to bring them into the house of the Lord that the glory of the Sanctuary may be increased and the sons of Jacob receive their inheritances in the tabernacle prepared for them wherein pertaineth unto thee thine enduements [endowments] and whereof cometh all the power & strength by which thou art redeemed, in the final restitution of all things with all thy kindred and father[']s house & thy posterity after thee which shall be counted of Joseph[']s lineage of whose blood thou art inasmuch as the blessings of Jacob according to the promises of God shall continue upon thy head and in all thy dwellings habitations and generations after thee for of the fruit of thy loins shall be raised up one who is mighty with his father[']s name named upon him that shall lead forth the armies of Israel in the day of God[']s vengeance and his posterity shall be mighty and strong in the land and like the tempest & mighty whirlwinds shall they bring destruction upon the enemies of God

and great shall be the praise of the Lord, and his goodness in the day that Zion shall be redeemed therefore the blessings of heaven are thine sealed upon thy head the power and glory of all thee Spiritual kingdom with a continual increase of knowledge by the reception of the Holy Spirit until all the purposes of the Lord shall be accomplished concerning thee then shalt thou be perfected in thy Salvation because of the virtue of thy mission & the name which is like precious ointment — for with Angels thou shalt receive thy reward and with archangels thou shalt stand with those who are appointed to number the hosts of Israel to receive thine inheritance in Abraham[']s kingdom to go no more out which Blessing I seal on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ Even so. Amen.

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Patriarchal Blessing of Hugh B. Brown

given by John Smith on January 26, 1904

BROTHER HUGH BROWN, I place my hands upon thy head, by the authority of the Priesthood I bear, and as the spirit shall direct pronounce and seal a blessing upon thee. Thou art of the house of Israel, numbered among the sons of him who were born heirs to the Priesthood, and I say unto thee be firm, remember the teachings of thy parents, hold sacred their counsel, for the eye of the Lord is upon thee. Thy pathway is marked out, and often thy duty shall be made known unto thee by prophetic vision. The angel who was given thee at thy birth has watched over thee thus far and preserved thee from the evils of the world, the power of the destroyer, and from those who feign would have led thee into forbidden paths. And it is necessary that you reflect upon the past, present, and future, for in this wise the vision of thine understanding shall be opened. Thou shalt see things as they are, doubts shall be removed, and thou shalt be wise in counsel among thy brethren and valiant in the defense of truth, virtue, and righteousness. Thou shalt travel much at home and abroad, laboring in the ministry, and thy voice shall be heard among the nations of the earth, proclaiming the words of life and salvation unto all who shall listen. And when necessary thou shalt prophesy, for thy guardian angel will often whisper in thine ear and open the eyes of thine understanding.

Thou art of Ephraim, which is the lineage of thy progenitors. Therefore look forward to the future with pleasure, a prayerful heart, and an inquiring mind, and thou shalt not ere [error] in thy judgment, but shall choose well thy part in the journey of life. Thou shalt fill up the measure of thy creation. Thy name shall be honorable in the land and with thy posterity be handed down from generation to generation. Thou shalt by listening to the voice of providence gather of this world's goods all that shall be necessary, although it shall be thy lot to feel the hungry and clothe the naked and provide for widows and the fatherless. Thou shalt also be called in to counsel among thy brethren and as a common judge in Israel thou shalt preside among the people. Therefore, remember that when doubts cross thy mind, to ask the Father for the gift of discernment, and it shall be well with thee. This blessing I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and I seal thee up unto eternal life to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection with many of thy kindred and friends. Even so, amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of Hugh B. Brown

given by Henry L. Hirman on March 19, 1907

BROTHER HUGH, I place my hands upon the crown of your head and seal upon you a Patriarchal Blessing. This I do by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in me vested. I bless you that knowledge, wisdom, faith, the spirit of revelation and discernment, and bodily health and strength may grow and increase within thee day by day, according to the needs of thy life's mission. And as thou growest in years, thou may grow in strength and in power to serve God and keep his commandments and to be useful in the hands in spreading the Gospel and assisting to redeem Zion that the way be prepared for the coming of the Savior, that when he shall come thou shalt be numbered with the wise virgins who shall have oil in their lamps and be prepared to go forth and meet him and enter with him into thy rest and thy joy, that it may be full and complete.

I say unto thee put thy whole trust in the Lord and dedicate thyself and thy labors to him and his service, and these blessings shall be thine. For thou art of Ephraim, a noble spirit in whom the Lord is well pleased. And the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will be upon thy head and the heads of thy posterity forever, that the Lord in multiplying thy blessings upon thee will bless thee with a posterity who shall be righteous and faithful before the Lord. And thou shall be blessed in thy outgoings and thy incomings in the service of the Lord. And thy labors shall be crowned with success, for thou shalt have the privilege of associating with heavenly beings in thy labors. And then thou shalt receive new inspiration in thy labors in behalf of the youth of Zion, in spreading the Gospel and gathering Israel.

And thou shalt become a savior upon Mt. Zion through thy labors in behalf of both the living and the dead. The Lord will multiply and strengthen thee upon the right hand and the left and make thee good in every requirement made at thy hand. Be thou obedient to the Priesthood that is sent to preside over thee, and thou wilt be raised to full feature of honor and of truth in the midst of the people that will make thee mighty. And thy joy shall be full for thou shalt be exalted on high and wear a crown of glory in the Celestial Kingdom of thy God. For thou wast faithful and true in the spirit world in preserving thy first estate and thou wilt have power given unto thee to gain thy second estate and be exalted in the presence of God with a fullness of glory. I bless thee with every gift and blessing both of a temporal and a spiritual nature that will add to thy comfort and usefulness. And thou shalt taste salvation. And I seal thee up to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection and be crowned with glory and immortality. I seal these blessings upon thee on condition of thy faithful observance of the laws of God. This I do in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of Rudger Clawson

given by William J. Smith on December 6, 1883

A BLESSING GIVEN BY Patriarch Wm. J. Smith upon the head of Rudger Clawson, son of H. B. Clawson and Margaret Gay Judd, born March 12th, 1857, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Recorded in Book E, page 240.

Brother Rudger, I place my hands upon the crown of thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, the son of the Living God, and by virtue and authority of the holy priesthood in me vested, I pronounce upon thee a patriarchal and a father's blessing, and [seal and] confirm all thy former blessings, baptisms, ordinations, and confirmations, and every blessing that has been bestowed by the Lord through his faithful servants. And because thy heart is honest and full of integrity for the principles of the everlasting gospel, the power of the Lord shall rest upon thee in a greater proportion than heretofore. Thou shalt be a wise counselor in Israel. Thy heart shall be filled with wisdom and thy mind with understanding in the knowledge of God and the laws of His kingdom upon the earth; and thou shalt also become acquainted with the laws by which the Most High governs His vast dominions.

Thou shalt have power to honor both the Melchizedek and Aaronic Priesthood and will receive thy full blessings in the house of the Lord and be a pillar in the temple of our God. Thou shalt be filled with revelation and prophecy and have power to discern and detect wicked and false spirits wherever thou goest, and thou shalt have power over devils and demons and all diseases and the desolating sickness which shall come over the land and all destructive elements. The winds and the waves shall obey thy voice, and the tempests of the mighty deep shall be stayed at thy command. No enemy shall have power over thee — not even a hair of thy head shall fall by a foe. Thou shalt heal the sick, and cast out devils and raise the dead, if it be necessary, and the sun and the moon shall even be stayed at thy command for the furtherance of the work of God.

Thy faith shall increase and thou shalt have power to prevail with God like the brother of Jared, until thou shalt behold God face to face. Thou shalt have mighty faith in Jesus and gather thy thousands to Zion and feed them in the days of famine by the power of God. Thou shalt assist in gathering the Zion of God from all nations and live to see Israel gathered from the four corners of the earth. Thou shalt be gathered to the center stake, and assist in building that holy temple where a cloud by day shall rest and a pillar of fire by night. Thou shalt be a pillar in that temple, and perform a great work for thy progenitors, and assist in the redemption of thousands of thy friends and kindred that have died without a knowledge of the gospel. Thou shalt be a mighty minister of Jesus and herald of salvation to the nations afar off, for thou shall bind up the law and seal up the testimony that the righteous may be saved and the wicked condemned; and thou shall have power to save all that shall cleave unto thee, and lead them like unto Moses, the great leader of Israel. The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion and every gift and grace shall rest upon thee at every time and place in the high and holy calling whereunto thou wilt be called by the Lord, through His servants, in His own due time.

Thou art a choice vine of the chosen seed of Israel: a child of promise, an heir of salvation, born under the new and everlasting covenant, and a lawful heir to the priesthood without adoption. And I bless you

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in the priesthood that the power thereof may rest upon thee and thy posterity after thee forever, for the blessings that were bestowed by Melchizedek upon the head of Abraham and his children, I seal the same upon thee and thine throughout all their generations. Thou art of the house of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim, fully entitled to all the blessings of the everlasting gospel, through thine obedience thereto and by thy lineage and furthermore the blessings of the fathers shall be upon thy head. I seal thee up against all plagues and pestilence that shall be sent forth to devastate the wicked, but thy feet shall stand in holy and sure places in these days of trouble and woe. I bless you to be faithful in all time to come, that your feet may never stray from the path of Christ. I seal you up to eternal life, to a holy resurrection with thy full redemption, with thine inheritance, in a kingdom of glory that shall never fail thee. Even so. Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of Anthony W. Ivins

given by William G. Perkins on October 4, 1871

PATRIARCHAL BLESSING ON the head of Anthony W. Ivins, by W. G. Perkins 4th Oct., 1871 at St George, Utah

Anthony, I place my hands upon your head and in the name of the Lord Jesus seal upon you a Patriarchal Blessing Your lineage is that of Joseph and a lawful heir to the blessings that were pronounced upon him. Thou hast a great work to do in this probationary state. Thou are a chosen vessel of the Lord, and in due time you shall go to the nations afar off and preach the everlasting Gospel. Thou will have great power of speech. You will learn their language by the power of the Holy Ghost. Your tongue will be loosed that you will speak fluently and with great power and authority. They will oppose you but you will have friends wherever you go You will bring many souls to a knowledge of the Truth and bring them into the new and Everlasting Covenant. You will have a companion with you who will stand by you as a brother and assist you in all your labors.

You will ordain men to the Holy ministry and set them to work in preaching the Gospel and in due time you will return to the Center Stake of Zion laden with many sheaves. You will have power over the winds and waves of the sea. You will be tossed to and fro but by your word the sea will be calm. You will have an inheritance in Zion. You will assist in building up the New Jerusalem the city that shall be paved with pure gold. You will see that Holy Temple finished off and be there at the dedication There you will see your Redeemer, you will be caught up to meet him with his Holy Angels and return with them to His holy Temple. There you will see Joseph and Hyrum and many of the Latter day Saints with their resurrected bodies. You will be a strong pillar in the House of the Lord, there you will do a great work for yourself and your dead. It will be common with you to see the graves open and the dead come forth. You will witness the return of the Ten Tribes. And I seal the blessings of life, health, and strength upon your body, that you may do all this work with a single eye to the glory of God. And I seal you up to Eternal Life, and seal upon your head a crown of Celestial Glory. This I do in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of Richard R. Lyman

given by John Brown on September 6, 1896

A BLESSING GIVEN UNDER THE HANDS OF Patriarch John Brown up the head of Richard Roswell Lyman Son of Francis Marion and Clara Caroline Colister Lyman born November 23d 1870 at Fillmore Millard County Utah.

Richard Roswell, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and bless thee by virtue of the Holy Priesthood. Thou art greatly beloved of the Lord and he has given his Angels charge over thee to preserve thee in life upon the earth to accomplish the work he has assigned thee. Thou art one of the chosen spirits reserved to come forth in the last days to assist in the gathering of Israel from their long dispersion, to build up Zion and prepare a people for a reign of righteousness. Thou art a son of Ephraim and heir to all the blessings of the promised seed. Thy name is written in the Lamb['s] book of life, and th[r]ough thy faithfulness it shall abide there forever. Thou shalt be a messenger of salvation to the nation[s] of the earth, travel in many lands, among many people and shall prevail in many places and have power over the children of men and be enabled to bring many to a knowledge of the truth and lead them to Zion. In as much as thou art faithful and diligent in searching the Holy Scriptures, and storing thy mind with the principles of the gospel thou shalt be blessed and qualified for thy work, and be able to put to silence the gainsayers of truth: Many will seek counsel at thy hand and shall not be disappointed. Thou shall witness much of the power of God, manifested in the gathering of Israel.

Thou shalt have power over the elements; at thy rebuke the winds and waves shall be stilled. Thou shalt be with the servants of Israel when they go through[h] the midst of the Gentiles like a lion among the beasts of the forest. Who if they go through will tread down and tear in pieces and none can deliver. Thou shalt be a leader and instru[c]tor unto them, and shall have power to call forth springs of living water in the desert and perform any miracle that is necessary for the accomplishment of thy work. Thou shalt assist in building the Temple at the center stake of Zion upon the consecrated spot dedicated by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Thou shalt witness the return of the lost tribes who will come to Zion and receive their blessings under hands of the sons of Ephraim. Thou shalt live till Thou art satisfied with days. Thou shalt be blessed with houses and lands flocks and folds and all the means necessary for thy work. Thy name shall be honored in Israel and per[pe]tuated in honor by thy posterity who shall be numerous throughout their generations. I seal thee up unto the day of redemption that ye may not fall notwithstanding the hour of temptation that may come upon you. If thou art tried and enemies seek thy life thou shalt be preserved overcome all evil and receive a crown of Eternal Life.

I seal you up unto the Holy Resurrection, to come forth in the first Resurrection and sit down in the kingdom of God with Abraham Isaac and Jacob to go no more out. I seal all these blessings upon thee with all thy former blessings in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Given at Pleasant Grove Utah.

Patriarchal Blessing of David O. McKay

given by John Smith on July 27, 1887

HUNTSVILLE, WEBER, CO., U.T. July 27th 1887. A blessing given by John Smith, Patriarch upon the head of David Oman McKay, son of David and Jennette Evans McKay, born in Huntsville, Weber Co. U.T. Sept 8th 1873

Brother David Oman McKay, thou art in thy youth and need instruction, therefore I say unto thee, be taught of thy parents the way of life and salvation, that at an early day you may be prepared for a responsible position, for the eye of the Lord is upon thee; He has a work for thee to do in which thou shalt see much of the world, assist in gathering scattered Israel and also to labor in the ministry. It shall be thy lot to sit in counsel with thy brethren and to fireside among the people and exhort the saints to faithfulness; therefore, again I say unto thee remember to honor thy parents and hold sacred their counsel, and prepare thyself for events to come, and thou shalt go forth wheresoever thou art sent by the Priesthood, like a roaring lion in the forest, none to stay thee, for the power of God shall rest upon thee, and give thee strength, wisdom and understanding so long as thou art in the discharge of thy duty, and thou shalt confound the wisdom of the wicked and set at naught the counsels of the unjust.

Study the laws of nature and follow the promptings of the still small voice of the comforter, and thou shalt be healthy and strong in body and mind, and thy days and years shall be many, and in due time thou shalt have a companion who shall be a helpmeet unto thee; thy posterity shall be numerous, and bear thy name in honorable remembrance from generation to generation; therefore, put thy trust in the Lord. Thou shalt also be mighty in healing the sick by the laying on of hands, for this shall be thy gift through prayer and faith, thou shalt also, if necessary, perform miracles in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; thou art of Ephraim, and entitled to the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, with the gifts of the Priesthood. It shall be thy province, also, to feed many with both spiritual and temporal food; therefore, look forward to the future with a prayerful heart, and an inquiring mind, and all shall be well with thee both here and hereafter. This blessing I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ, forth in the morning of the first resurrection a savior to thy kindred. Even so Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of George F. Richards

given by John H. Tippetts on October 22, 1882

IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, I lay my hands upon thy head to seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing which shall continue with you through your life and all time to come. You are of the seed of Israel through the loins of Joseph who was sold into Egypt and a descendant of Ephraim. You shall inherit a great portion of the blessings that were pronounced upon the head of Ephraim which have come through the loins of your father and they will continue with your posterity after you, for you have been a lover of truth from your childhood and you shall merit these blessings by your faithfulness and diligence in time to come. You shall inherit the earth in this life and eternal riches in the life to come for it has been your desire from your childhood to know the mind and will of the Lord and the blessings and privileges that you can attain to that you might inherit the earth with the resurrection of the Just. These blessings I seal upon your head for you are a literal descendant through this lineage that has been pronounced upon your head in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of George F. Richards

given by John Smith on October 8, 1893

BROTHER GEORGE FRANKLIN RICHARDS, according to thy desire, I place my hands upon thy head to pronounce and seal a blessing upon thee in accordance with the whisperings of the Spirit and I ask God the Eternal Father for His spirit to indi[ca]te thy blessings, to fill thee with the influence thereof, to open the eyes of thine understanding, to strengthen thy memory, to loosen thy tongue and guide thy mind, that, as a servant of the Most High God, you may fill your mission upon the earth in honor. For thou art numbered among the sons of Zion, born under the dovenant [covenant], thus an heir to the blessings, gifts and privileges thereof; and I say unto thee let thy faith fail not, be firm in thine integrity, hold sacred thy covenants [covenants], be obedient to the promptings of the monitor within thee and learn to listen to the whisperings of the spirit and be guided thereby, for the eye of the Lord has been upon thee from thy birth and Holy Angels have preserved thee from the veils [evils] of the world and warded off many of the shafts of the adversary which have been hurled at thee, and thy life has been preserved for a wife [wise] purpose, and inasmuch as thou wilt ask the Father, in faith, thou shalt receive, and in thine administrations among the people, the blessings of the Lord shall attend thee, give thee word and sentiment and thou shalt counsel in righteousness among the people, insomuch that thou shalt astonish thyself. And it shall be thy lot to hold positions of responsibility among the people, that many shall seek thee for counsel and rejoice in thy teachings.

It shall be thy lot to travel much at home and abroad, by land and water, laboring in the ministry. In thy journeyings thou shalt meet with friends and foes. The wicked will strive to lay barriers in thy way. The ignorant shall point the finger of scorn at thee. The honest will listen to thy words and the prudent will accept thy teaching. Friends shall be raised up unto thee among strangers and thou shalt be called upon to be a peacemaker. The blessings of the Lord shall attend thy labors and give thee favor among the people.

Thou shalt lay hands upon the sick and they shall recover, for this is one of thy gifts which thou shalt receive through prayer and faith. The gift of discernment is another which shall be given thee. Other gifts shall be given thee by the whisperings of the spirit when necessary to guide thee in thy duties that the evil spirit designing may not deceive thee. Other gifts thou shalt acquire by study and by prayer and faith as the Lord shall direct thee as you grow in years and obtain knowledge to guide thee in they [thy] labors, for thou hast much to do in order to complete thy mission upon the earth. The Lord knoweth the secrets of thy heart. Thy guardian angel has a special charge concerning thee and thy reward shall be according to merit, therefore be prudent and guarded in though[t] and expression; be cheerful in thy deportment. Look always upon the bright side and it shall be well with thee.

Look forward to the future with pleasure, with a prayerful heart and an enquiring mind and thou shalt see things as they are. Thy duties shall be make [made] known to thee from time to time as thou shalt need, by the prophetic vision of thy mind. Therefore, remember to listen to the whisperings of the spirit. Thou art of Ephraim and entitled to the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life and shall be handed down with thy posterity in honorable remembrance from generation to generation. This blessing I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ and I seal thee up unto Eternal Life to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection a Savior in thy father's house, even so, amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of George Albert Smith

given by John L. Smith on January 3, 1881

A BLESSING BY JOHN L. SMITH PATRIARCH, upon the head of George Albert Smith, son of John Henry and Sarah F. Smith, born Salt Lake City and County, Utah, April 4, 1870.

George Albert, in the authority of the Patriarchal priesthood, I place my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee a blessing for and in behalf of thy father. Thou art of Ephraim and entitled to all the blessings promised to his children. Thy guardian angel hath and will watch over thee and whisper to thee the way in which thou shouldest walk in the right enabling thee to shun every trap and snare set for thy feet. The priesthood in fulness shall ere long be sealed upon thee with all the gifts, powers, and blessings pertaining thereto. The Lord hath in store for thee a mighty work to perform for thy kindred and friends. So speedy and important shall be thy mission that thou shalt travel as upon the wings of the wind. No miracle shall be too hard for thee to perform. Thy word shall be as a two-edged sword causing the wicked in Zion to tremble. Wives and children, honorable and mighty, houses and lands in abundance, riches, honor, immortality and eternal lives shall be thine.

Now, my son, listen to the counsels of thy parents and give strict heed to thy father's voice and no work shall be too hard for thee to perform. The winds and the waves shall obey thy voice. The dead shall be raised at thy command if it be necessary for the prosperity of Israel. Treasure up good instructions in thy youth and in the day and hour thou needest them thy tongue shall be loosed and utterance be given thee that shall astound all that hear thee. Pray to thy father in heaven in faith and thy prayers shall be answered. All thy power, gifts and blessings with all thou canst desire or imagine in righteousness I renew and seal upon thee in the name of Jesus thy Redeemer. Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of George Albert Smith

given by Zebedee Coltrin on January 16, 1884

A PATRIARCHAL BLESSING UPON THE head of George Albert Smith, son of Sarah Farr and John Henry Smith, born April 4, 1870, at S.L. City, S.L., Cou[nty]. U.T.

Br. George Albert in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a Patriarchal Blessing for thou art of the seed of Abraham of the house of Joseph and lineage of Ephraim. I seal upon thy head a father's blessing, for thou art a lawful heir to all the blessings of the holy Priesthood, and inasmuch as thou wilt keep all the commandments of the Lord thou shalt attain to all the blessings of eternal lives, and the choice blessings of the heavens shall rest down upon you and thou shalt be filled with the wisdom of the heavens and the light of the Lord shall dwell within you, and every organ of you mind shall be filled with the inspiration of the Lord, for thou wast called and chosen of the Lord from before the foundation of the earth was laid to come forth in this dispensation to assist in building up the Zion of God upon the earth, and thou shalt be enabled to go forth to proclaim the gospel unto the inhabitants of the earth, and shall be enabled to bring many to a knowledge of the truth, for thy voice shall be as the voice of a trumpet in declaring the words of the Lord to the nobles of the earth, and many shall believe in thy words and embrace the gospel of the Son of God.

For thou shalt be filled with the mighty power of God, and shall be able to do many mighty works in their midst. And thou shalt have power over the elements, and the winds and the waves of the sea shall obey thy voice, and no miracle shall be too great for thee to do, when it shall be necessary for the salvation of man, for thou art called to do a great and mighty work in the great kingdoms of God. And thou shalt attain to all the blessings and sealing powers that shall be given in the holy temples of the Lord and thou shalt behold the Lord when he shall come in the clouds of heaven, and shall be enabled to do a great work upon the earth, both for the living and the dead, and shall assist in the redemption of thy father's house. And thou shalt become a mighty prophet in the midst of the sons of Zion. And the angels of the Lord shall administer unto you, and the choice blessings of the heavens shall rest upon you.

And thy posterity shall become great upon the earth, and the Holy Melchisedek Priesthood shall rest upon them throughout all their generations and thy sons shall become mighty men before the Lord, filled with the wisdom of the heavens, and many of them shall become prophets and apostles and shall dwell in the midst of the Zion of the Lord as their posterity shall become very great and they shall become kings and priests of the most high. And thy daughters shall become women of great renown and shall become the mothers of mighty men before the Lord, and shall dwell among the sanctified of the Lord, and shall become a vast multitude dwelling in the midst of the Zion of the Lord, and shall live and reign a thousand years upon the earth and unto thy generations there shall be no end.

And thou shalt be wrapt in the visions of the heavens and thou shalt be clothed with salvation as with a garment, for thou art destined to become a mighty man before the lord, for thou shalt become a mighty apostle in the church and kingdom of God upon the earth, for none of thy father's family shall have more power with God than thou shalt have, for none shall excel thee, for thy reward shall be great in the heavens,

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for the blessing of thy father and of thy grandfather shall rest upon thee and thou shalt become a man of mighty faith before the Lord, even like unto that of the brother of Jared, and thou shalt remain upon the earth until thou art satisfied with life, and shall be numbered with the Lord's annointed and shall become a king and a priest unto the most High, for thou art of the pure blood of Jacob, and have a right to all the blessings of the house of Joseph, and shall receive an everlasting inheritance when the Ancient of Days shall come, and thou shalt have power to come forth on the morning of the first resurrection and shall be numbered with the sanctified before the Lord. And I now seal all of these blessings upon thy head, and [seal] thee up unto all the powers of exaltation of thrones and dominions, and powers of eternal lives in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of John Henry Smith

given by John Oakley on December 27, 1887

A BLESSING BY JOHN OAKLEY, Patriarch, at Snowflake, Apache Co., Arizona, Dec. 27, 1887 upon the head of John Henry Smith, son of George A. and Sarah Ann Libbey Smith, born in Carburna, Pottawottomie County, Iowa, Sept. 18th 1848.

Bro. John Henry Smith, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a patriarchal and father's blessing and ask my heavenly Father that his holy spirit may rest down upon me and upon you and upon the Scribe, that the words that may be said may be in accordance with the spirit of Truth. Your lin[e]age is that of Ephraim through the loins of Joseph, and thus cometh this blessing unto your father's house. Your Heavenly Father, as also your earthly father Geo. A. Smith are well pleased with your course. They have a special and constant care of you you [sic] to preserve you from the many dangers and evils [evils] that are continually surrounding you and to guide you also and inspire you to do much good among the people.

And as your days and years increase your usefulness shall also increase because of your gain in experience and prudence and discretion, and you shall live until you are satisfied with life and be changed in the twinkling of an eye. Not long hence and you shall see and take hold of the hand of your Savior. Your joy shall be increased as your days and your years increase, and you shall have this to add to your testimony that you have seen the Lord. There is much that I can see and understand that is for you, to[o]numerable to mention at this time. I seal these blessings upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of John Henry Smith

given by Lorenzo H. Hatch on April 22, 1888

A BLESSING BY LORENZO H. HATCH, Patriarch upon the head of John Henry Smith, son of George Albert and Sara L. Ann Libbey Smith, born in Carburna, Pottowatamie Co. Iowa Sept. 18, 1848.

Beloved Brother, John Henry Smith. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and by the authority of the holy Priesthood, agreeable to your request, I place my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee a patriarchal blessing. Behold I say unto you, be of good cheer for you have been preserved as a chosen instrument and as a promised child to raise up the name of thy father and mother. Thy father obtained promises concerning thee. Thou has been impelled to go forward by the inspiration of the Lord thy God. As Jeremiah was ordained to be a prophet unto the nations so it has fallen to thy lot to in like manner lift up thy voice both long and loud and to spare not. It is thy calling to administer in behalf of millions as a great Apostle and to stand coequal with the chiefest of thy brethren. Your testimony is recorded on high.

Your ministry while abroad is a witness that will bring thousands to judgment. Your words from henceforth shall be as in former times directed by the unerring Counsel of the spirit of prophecy and revelation. Your enemies shall be appalled before you. You shall be shielded and preserved to give Counsel and direction and to view the things of the eternal world, and to explain all points of doctrine and to discern what is in the hearts of the children of men. All your gifts have been foreordained and for this reason you have been shielded from the hand of the destroyer. The plans of the enemy have been frustrated and your life has been spared, thus saith the Lord your God, that you might continue to travel from nation to nation. They that you bless shall be blessed, and they that defy the Lord by your word they shall be cursed, and their generations shall cease from among men.

Behold I say unto you, tongue cannot describe nor pen record the glories that await you for your calling and election shall be made sure. The Angels of God are on your right and left, they have journeyed with you, by land and by sea. I the Lord your God who speaketh by revelation will continue to hear your prayers, and your wives and your children shall be preserved as in the hollow of his hand. Behold you are an heir of every blessing that has or can be conferred upon one of the sons of men. For as Jacob so you have prevailed with the Lord thy God.

You have comforted the poor, the prayers of the widow and the fatherless are recorded in your favor and of your increase there shall be no end. Whatsoever you desire shall be granted unto you for you will be guided as in times past. You shall never want for money to perform the good in thine heart and you shall remember your brethren who are co-laborers in this great work. You shall comfort the aged and bless them, and your blessings shall be recorded in heaven, for this ministry has been conferred upon thee to bind on earth and it shall be bound in heaven. Rejoice therefore, for behold these words are the words of the Lord thy God. Though the heavens shall pass away, these words shall not fail. I seal all these blessings with your former blessings by the authority of my patriarchal Calling and in the name of your Redeemer, even so, Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of John Henry Smith

given by Israel Bennion on April 22, 1899

A BLESSING GIVEN BY ISRAEL BENNION, Patriarch, upon the head of John Henry Smith, son of Geo. Albert Smith and Sarah Ann Libbey, born at Carburna, now Council Bluffs, Pottawattomie Co., Iowa.

Brother John Henry Smith, by the Authority of the Holy Priesthood I now pronounce upon thy head a Patriarchal blessing. Thou art of the house of Joseph through Ephraim, an heir to the blessings of the fathers. Thou art blest in thy Ancestry, being of the favored lineage. The faith of the Gospel is thy birth-right. Thou shalt never be turned from it. Thou shalt understand clearly all things pertaining thereto and thy spirit shall agree to the Counsels of the Servants of the Lord readily and easily, for it is natural for thee to comprehend and understand the Word of the Lord. Thou shalt be steadfast and firm in Counsel, yet humble, giving glory to the Lord. Thy face shall be set against iniquity, and in the purity of Thine heart thou shalt indeed be a Watchman upon the Towers of Zion, and shalt Live long and shall enter into the rest of the Lord.

Thy name shall be honored among the Saints and handed down in remembrance to future generations. Thy posterity shall be numerous and faithfull. Thou shalt take part in great and glorious events connected with the establishment of Zion. The spirit of prophesy shall be upon thee and the visions of eternity open to thy sight. Thou shalt have the gift of the holy spirit to guide thee, directing thy labors, both spiritually and temporally, and thou shalt see the Riches of the Earth uncovered for thy good and the good of the faithfull Saints and the good of Zion to thy heart's content. I seal these blessings on thee and seal thee up to eternal life, to come fourth [forth] in the morning of the first resurrection, crowned with glory among thy Kindred and friends. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of Joseph F. Smith

given by John Smith on June 25, 1852

GREAT SALT LAKE CITY JUNE 25TH 1852 a blessing by John Smith Patriarch upon the head of Joseph Fielding Smith born November 13th 1838 in Far West, Caldwell Co, Missouri.

Brother Joseph in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, I place my hands upon thy head, and confirm upon you all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the blessings of the everlasting Priesthood which is after the order of the Only Begotten. I seal upon you in fulness in due time, which will reveal unto all the hidden mysteries of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Thou art of the blood of Ephriam and no good things shall be with[h]eld from you. You shall have horses and chariots and servants and handmaids that will delight to do thy business. Thou art one of the House of Ephraim, called to push the people together from the ends of the earth and from the isles afar off. At thy rebuke the elements shall be still. At thy rebuke all things shall obey thy voice. You shall baptize captains of vessels and many sailors. You shall lead thousands to Zion and no power shall stay thy hand.

The mantle of thy father shall be upon thee, you shall break fetters of iron and gates of brass, prison walls shall fall at they rebuke. Your name shall be had in honorable remembrance among the Smiths [Saints] forever. You shall have a companion that shall be suited to thy conditions, she will make you happy. your posterity shall be great. None shall excell [excel] them in Israel. They shall spread upon the mountains so numerous that they cannot be numbered for multitude. You shall live to take venge[a]nce on those that have slain your father. You shall come up in the morning of resurrection, inherit a kingdom and a domain that shall never fail with all your father's houses, even so, Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of Joseph F. Smith

given by John Smith on February 25, 1874

A BLESSING GIVEN JOHN SMITH Patriarch upon the head of Joseph Fielding Smith Son of Hyrum and Mary Fielding Smith, born in Farwest Caldwell Co. Missouri November 13th 1838.

Brother Joseph thou art bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. Thou art an heir to the priesthood with the gifts and blessings promised unto the faithful sons of Zion, and in the name of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee with the blessings of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and say unto thee be upon thy guard and put thy trust in the Lord for his eye is upon thee he hath given thine angel special charge concerning thee who hath watched over thee from thy birth and preserved thy life many times he hath also delivered thee out of the hands of thine enemies and protected thee against the evils of the world. The Lord hath watched thy progress and is pleased with thine integrity. Thy days and years shall be many. Thou shalt see many changes. Thou shalt also see the arm of the Lord made bare in behalf of his people and also behold the coming of the Savior.

The Angel who hath watched over thee in the past shall protect thee in the future and shall converse with thee as with a familiar friend, and warn thee of events to come, give thee power over thy enemies for the ungodly shall seek to take thy life. The wicked shall lay snares for thy feet but shall fall into them themselves for the spirit of the Lord shall direct thy course and rest upon thee in mighty power give the word and sentiment that thou shalt be enabled to confound the wisdom of the wicked and set at naught the counsels of the unjust and thou shalt have power over the adversary, cast out evil spirits and be mighty in healing the sick by the laying on of hands for this [is] thy gift. Many shall seek thee for counsel and wonder at thy wisdom. Thou shalt have power to command the elements and the waves of the sea shall obey thy voice. Thou shalt be prospered in thy journeyings at home and abroad and no power shall stay thy progress therefore I say unto thee be prudent and listen to the promptings of the spirit.

Thou art of the blood of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim and thou shall travel much for the Gospel's sake bring many souls to the knowledge of the truth perform thy mission in honor and return in safety. Thy name shall be held in honorable remembrance among the Saints and be handed down with thy posterity from generation to generation and written in the Lamb's book of life. Thou shalt be prospered in thy labors temporally. Thou shall gather of this worlds goods around thee all of which thy heart shall desire in righteousness. Thou shalt feed the hungry and clothe the naked comfort the hearts of the afflicted and raise up the bowed down, and be crowned hereafter with the faithful fathers in Israel. Therefore I say unto thee be firm in thy mind for the Angel of thy presence shall not forsake thee but will ward off the shafts of the adversary which may be hurled at thee and warn thee of danger and thou shall comprehend things present and to come, and shall prophecy in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore be at rest in thy mind for all shall be well with thee both here and hereafter. This with all thy former blessings I seal upon thy head by virtue of [the] Holy Priesthood and I seal thee up unto eternal life with power to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection with all thy father's house to inherit a kingdom which shall increase for ever. Even so Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of Joseph Fielding Smith

given by John Smith on January 19, 1896

JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH JR., by the authority of the Priesthood I bear, I place my hands upon thy head and pronounce and seal a blessing upon thee as the spirit shall direct. Thou art numbered among the sons of Zion, of whom much is expected. Thy name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life and shall be registered in the chronicles of thy fathers with thy brethren. It is thy privilege to live to a good old age and the will of the Lord that you should become a mighty man in Israel. Therefore, I say unto thee, reflect often upon the past, present, and future, and thou shalt realize that the hand of the Lord has been and is over thee for good, and that thy life has been preserved for a wise purpose. Thou shalt realize also that thou hast much to do in order to complete thy mission upon the earth.

It shall be thy duty to sit in counsel with thy brethren and to preside among the people. It shall be thy duty also to travel much at home and abroad, by land and water, laboring in the ministry. And I say unto thee, hold up thy head, lift up thy voice without fear or favor, as the Spirit of the Lord shall direct, and the blessings of the Lord shall rest upon thee. His spirit shall direct thy mind and give thee word and sentiment, that thou shalt confound the wisdom of the wicked and set at naught the counsels of the unjust. Thou shalt have power over thine enemies and peace shall be in thy circle. It shall be thy duty to be a peacemaker wheresoever thou shalt sojourn, and so long as thou art in the discharge of duty no power shall prevail against thee. Thou shalt find friends among strangers. Therefore, I say unto thee, remember that there is a God in Israel in whom we should trust. Remember also that he will reward according to merit, and it shall be well with thee.

Thou art of Ephraim and entitled to the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, with the gifts and privileges promised unto the fathers in Israel among whom thou shalt be remembered. Therefore, let thy faith fail not, strive to inform thy mind and be prepared for events to come, and remember the instructions of thy parents, and honor the Priesthood, and the blessings of the Lord shall be with thee, and thy guardian angel will direct thy course. Thou shalt lay hands upon the sick and they shall recover, for this shall be one of thy gifts received through prayer and faith. This blessing I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and I seal thee up unto eternal life to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection, a savior in thy father's house, even so, Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of Joseph Fielding Smith

given by Joseph D. Smith on May 11, 1913

A PATRIARCHAL BLESSING GIVEN BY Patriarch Joseph D. Smith of Fillmore, at Scipio, Willard County, Utah, May 11, 1913, upon the head of Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., son of Joseph F. and Julina Lambson Smith, born July 19, 1876, in Salt Lake City.

Brother Smith, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the power of the Priesthood conferred upon me to bless, I seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, as it is the desire of your heart to know what the Lord requires of you. You have been greatly blessed in your birthright, and you were called and ordained before you came in the flesh, as an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, to represent his work in the earth. You are of Israel, and are entitled to every blessing that the gospel imparts through obedience to its laws. You have never known the time when you did not believe and feel within your very bones that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God and that his mission was divine.

You have been blessed with ability to comprehend, to analyze, and defend the principles of truth above many of your fellows, and the time will come when the accumulative evidence that you have gathered will stand as a wall of defense against those who are seeking and will seek to destroy the evidence of the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph; and in this defense you will never be confounded, and the light of the spirit will shed its rays upon your heart as gently, as the dews that fall from heaven, and it will unfold to your understanding many truths concerning this work that have not yet been revealed. And you will indeed stand in the midst of this people a prophet and a revelator to them, for the Lord has blessed you and ordained you to this calling, and it will come upon you as naturally as the night shall follow the day.

There is a great work for you to do. Your humble spirit, if you continue, will open up to your mind truths that you have never before thought of, and you will hesitate to make them known. There will always be safety in doing this to your father while he lives, and to those who may succeed him, before you present them in public. You will always be in possession of the spirit of revelation regarding your individual affairs and much will be given to you that will be of profit to the Church at large. Your counsels will be considered conservative and wise, for the Lord has anointed you with that oil of gladness above many of your fellows. Your family will grow up and bless your name, and your influence with your sons and daughters, in connection with your wife, will hold your children in the Gospel path and not one will be lost. I bless you with wisdom to use the knowledge that God will give you in the furtherance of his work in the earth, and the preserving of your body until you have completed all you have been sent to do. I seal these blessings upon you with all of your former blessings, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of James E. Talmage

given by John Smith on November 15, 1880

A BLESSING, GIVEN BY JOHN SMITH, upon the head of James Edward Talmage, son of James J. and Susannah Talmage, born in Hungerford, Berkshire, England, September 21, 1862.

Brother James, by virtue of the Holy Priesthood, I place my hands upon thy head, and seal the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant upon thee, with all the gifts and privileges promised unto the sons of Zion; for they are thine through right of lineage, and I say unto thee be of good faith and of good cheer, be firm in thy mind, honor thy calling, honor also the Priesthood, and prepare thyself for events to come, for it is thy privilege and the will of the Lord that you should become a mighty man in Israel, and travel much for the gospel's sake, and assist in gathering the honest in heart from among the nations of the earth; thou shalt find friends among strangers, many shall seek thee for counsel and rejoice in thy teachings; thou shalt bring many souls to a knowledge of the truth; and have joy in thy labor, for the spirit of the Lord shall direct thy course, strengthen thy memory and give thee power over thy enemies and peace shall be in thy circle; thou shalt also be mighty in healing the sick by the laying on of hands, for this shall be thy gift through prayer and faith.

Thou art of Ephraim, and entitled to the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, with the gifts of the Priesthood it, therefore, behooves thee to be prudent and upon thy guard, for the adversary hath great power in the earth, and is striving to lead away the sons of Zion; therefore, seek to know the will of the Lord, and it shall be well with thee; thy guardian angel will whisper in thy ear and warn thee of danger, and give thee power over the adversary, and prolong thy days and years upon the earth. In due season thou shalt have a companion to sit thy condition; thy sons and daughters shall grow up around thee and bear thy name in honorable remembrance. Thou shalt also be prospered in the labor of thy hands, therefore, look forward to the future with pleasure, for thy last days shall be thy best days. This blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and I seal thee up unto eternal life to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection, a savior in thy father's house, Even so, Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of James E. Talmage

given by William J. Smith on October 26, 1893

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, OCTOBER 26, 1893. Blessing, given under the hand of Patriarch William J. Smith, upon the head of James Edward Talmage, son of James J. Talmage and Susannah Praeter; born at Hungerford, Berkshire, England, Sept. 21, 1862.

Brother James Edward Talmage, greatly beloved of the Lord: I place my hands upon thy head, even the crown of thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, the son of the Living God, to bestow upon thee a Patriarchal and a father's blessing as it may be given by the spirit of truth unto me, and by virtue of the Eternal Priesthood, I seal and confirm upon thy head all of thy former blessings, baptisms and confirmations, ordinations, and every blessing that has been bestowed upon thee by the spirit of revelation, that all may be fulfilled in the due time of the Lord unto thee; and not a word fail thee, or promise that the Lord has made unto thee. I bless you in your high and holy calling that the spirit of God may be your constant companion, that you may be wise and skillful in all your undertakings, and profession that you may not be excelled [?] by man's, because thou art taught of God; and He will be with thee wherever thou goest, and bless all that thou puttest thy hand to do; and thy heart shall be perfectly satisfied. Seek unto Him for wisdom and knowledge, skill and ability to perform thy duty and it shall be given thee. And the Lord shall be with thee in dreams and visions in different languages and the interpretation of the same.

Thou shalt have the spirit of revelation, and prophecy and discernment; your eye shall be like the eye of the eagle to see near by and afar off, with power to discern every false spirit under the whole heavens, that thou may'st not be deceived thereby: that thou may'st have power over devils and demons and that cruel and wicked monster that fell before the throne of God, that thou may'st escape his grasp. Thy tongue shall be loosed, and thou shalt proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in power to the convincing of the honest in heart; and they shall know that the Lord is with thee and that the spirit of revelation is upon thee to a great extent; and thy faith shall be like unto Moses, and the brother of Jared; and thou shalt have power to perform any miracle that was ever wrought by man upon the earth, for the salvation and deliverance of Israel. I bless you to be faithful in all time to come, that your feet may never stray from the path of Christ. Thou shalt live to see Israel gathered from the four quarters of the earth, to assist in the redemption of Zion, and be gathered to the center Stake, and be a minister in that Holy Temple or Temples of thy Father's house, for thy ancestors and also the house of Israel. Thou shalt have the ministering of angels to stand by thee, and protect thee from all evil: not a hair of thy head shall fall by the hand of an enemy, and thy joy shall be full in the Lord, and in the power of his might. I bless you that you may thrive and prosper in the Land, amongst the people of the Lord, that thousands may rise up and call thee blessed of the Lord.

I bless you with the blessings of Abraham, Israel [Isaac] and Jacob, with all that appertains to the new and everlasting covenant; that your posterity may be numerous as Jacob's of old; and that no good thing shall be withheld from thee until thy heart is perfectly satisfied. Thou art of the chosen seed of Israel, of the house of Joseph through the lineage of Ephraim, lawful heir to the blessings of the Gospel; and the Eternal Priesthood shall be bestowed upon thee till thou hast received a fullness; and the blessings that were sealed

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upon thy tribal lineage shall be upon thee, and upon thy posterity after thee while time shall last. I seal thee up unto Eternal Life to come forth in the morning of the First Resurrection with all thy Father's house with their inheritance in the New Heavens and upon the New Earth, when it is sanctified and made the eternal abode of the righteous. According to the Holy Order and sealing power that bonds on earth and looses, and binds in heaven and looses, I seal these blessings upon thy head in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of James E. Talmage

given by Jesse B. Martin on August 21, 1899

A PATRIARCHAL BLESSING, GIVEN BY Jesse B. Martin, upon the head of James Edward Talmage, son of James J. and Susannah Talmage, born Sept. 21st, 1862, at Hungerford, Berks, England.

James Edward, in the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head, and give thee a Patriarchal Blessing; for thou art a literal descendant of Ephraim, and entitled to all blessings pertaining to that tribe. And thou shall have all things given unto thee through thy holy anointings, that shall prepare thee for a fulness of glory in the Celestial Kingdom of God. For thou art one of the chosen of the Lord, to do a great work among the Saints of the Most High, as well as amongst the world. And the Lord shall bless thee with the discernment of spirits, and thou shalt not be deceived by wicked and designing persons. And the time is not far distant when thou shalt be called and set apart and ordained as one of the Apostles of Jesus Christ in this dispensation.

And thou shalt do much good among the people in preparing them to go to the Center Stake of Zion; for the Holy Ghost shall rest down upon thee in all thy labors, and thou shalt speak forth words of truth with power and much assurance, and thousands will flock around thee to hear thy words; and thy influence among the people shall cause many to turn from their wayward ways and serve the Lord more perfectly. And thou shalt have the privilege of going with the Saints of God even to the Center Stake of Zion, and do much good in helping to build that beautiful Temple; for the Saints will listen to thy words and thy counsel as they would to an angel from the presence of God. Thou shalt enter into that Temple when it shall be prepared for the reception of Jesus Christ; and thou shalt see the Redeemer and know that He is the Son of God. And thou shalt travel from place to place with the Apostles of God and organize stakes in the land of Zion; for thou ha[s]t been chosen to do this great work, and thou shalt never be forsaken by thy Father in Heaven; for thou art of royal seed, and shalt accomplish a great and glorious work for the redemption of the human family.

Thou shalt be a savior upon Mount Zion, because of the work thou shalt do for thy friends that have passed away behind the veil. And thou shalt be ready and prepared to meet the Savior when He shall come upon the earth. And thou shalt enter into the great feast as one of the wise, and shall feast and drink wine with the Apostles of old, and with Jesus Christ here upon this earth. Let thy heart be comforted, and fear not the powers of darkness, for thou shalt have power over all evil spirits that come in thy way, and they shall have no power to tempt thee more than thou canst bear. And I seal thee up against the power of the Devil, and he shall not lead thee from the Church of Jesus Christ. And I seal thee up unto Eternal Life, to come forth in the morning of the First Resurrection. All these blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ; Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of James E. Talmage

given by John Smith on October 14, 1900

A BLESSING GIVEN BY JOHN SMITH, Patriarch, upon the head of James Edward Talmage, son of James Joyce Talmage and Susannah Praeter Talmage, born in Hungerford, Berks, England, September 21st, 1862.

Brother James Edward Talmage, According to thy desire I place my hands upon thy head to pronounce and seal a blessing upon thee. And I ask God the Eternal Father for His Spirit to indite thy blessing, and to fill thee with the influence thereof, to give thee strength of memory that you may comprehend not only thy duty but the blessings promised unto the faithful. for thou art numbered among the sons of Zion who were chosen at their birth to labor in the ministry, to labor in the interest of the youth of Zion, and to assist in gathering Israel. From early youth thou wert taught of thy parents the principles of truth and virtue, for which the Lord was well pleased, and gave thine Angel charge concerning thee, who has watched over thee thus far, preserved thee from the evils of the world, the power of the destroyer and those who fain would have led thee into by and forbidden paths. From thy youth thou hast been true to thy trust, honest in thy belief, and firm in thine integrity, and for this the blessing of the Lord has attended thy labors, opened the eyes of thine understanding that thou hast seen things as they are; and as thy duty has been known to them thou hast cheerfully rendered obedience, for which thou shalt verily receive thy reward. And as thou hast been called to go or come by the Priesthood, thou hast been faithful; and in thy journeyings amongst strangers thou hast found friends; and thou hast without fear or favor proclaimed the words of life and salvation unto all who would listen; and thy word has on many occasions fell with power, and the influence thereof will remain and bring forth fruit in time to come.

Therefore I say unto thee be of good cheer for the Lord is pleased with thy integrity, and His favor shall go with thee. It is thy duty to preside in Council among the brethren; to guide and to guard the minds of the youth; to be one of the watchmen upon the towers of Zion. It is thy privilege when necessary to have the gift of discernment that you may detect error and also evil. It is thy province to defend the oppressed, to chide the guilty, and to pass sentence upon the wicked. Therefore remember to be cheerful in thy deportment. Thou art of Ephraim which is the lineage of thy progenitors, many of whom look to thee for salvation, as thou art the legal heir to this privilege, holding the Priesthood. It is thy privilege to live to a good old age, and the will of the Lord that you should be an instrument in His hands in doing much good and become a mighty man in Israel. And I say unto thee, in thy reflections go back to early youth and thou shalt realize that the hand of the Lord has been over thee for good, that thy life has been preserved by an unseen power for a purpose. Thou shalt also realize that a decree of the Father has gone forth and that thy mission is barely begun. Hold sacred thy covenants and no power shall stay thy progress; and thou shalt have joy in thy labors spiritual and temporal. Thou shalt have great faith in the ordinances of the Lord's House. Thou shalt lay hands upon the sick and they shall recover, for this is one of thy gifts which thou shalt receive through prayer and faith.

Thy children shall grow up around thee, bless thee in thy old age, and hold thy name in honorable

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remembrance. Therefore be comforted for all shall be well with thee here and hereafter. Thou shalt also secure unto thyself an inheritance among those who shall stand upon Mount Zion, saviors of men. Therefore look forth to the future with pleasure. This Blessing I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ; and I seal thee up to eternal life to come forth in the morning of the First Resurrection, a savior in thy father's house. Even so. Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of Brigham Young

given by John Young on December 25, 1857

PATRIARCHAL BLESSING GIVEN Great Salt Lake City, Dec. 25, 1857, by John Young upon the head of Brigham Young, son of John and Nabby, born June 1, 1801, Whitingham, Winham County, Vermont.

Brother Brigham, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and bless you in the name of Israel's God, and you shall be blest from this time henceforth and forever. I seal upon your head the blessings which were given to you by our natural father. You are a lawful heir according to the promises made over unto the Fathers, for you are a literal descendant of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim, and have a right to the blessings of the everlasting gospel and to the fulness of the priesthood, the power of which shall rest upon you henceforth and forever. Your mind shall expand, the visions of the heavens shall be opened before you that you may comprehend the fulness of the truths of heaven. You are blest with many great and precious blessings, for the Lord has had His eyes upon you, and you are a chosen vessel to bear the weight of the kingdom and the vessels of the Lord, to stand as a mighty man upon the earth. Thou shalt be qualified for all the duties which thou art or ever shall be called to perform; thou shalt be blest with knowledge, wisdom and understanding; the revelations of Jesus shall be with you; you shall have power to control yourself, your household, and to manage all the affairs of the Church of Jesus Christ agreeably to the mind of the heavens, in connection with those that are associated with your [you], and no power shall overcome you; you never shall fall by the hand of an enemy for that is not the mind of the spirit, but the mind of the Lord is that you shall escape, and be able to circumscribe the wisdom of the world.

You shall be able to administer the words of eternal life to the saints, and of eternal death to your enemies, and the time shall come when the great men of the earth, who think themselves wise shall seek unto you for knowledge and safety, and you shall have power over them, and the time also shall come when you shall not only have power over the United States, but over the nations of the earth, and you shall do a mighty work. Your name shall be honorable, you shall rise in the scale of intelligence until you become associated with the Gods. From your loins apostles, prophets and kings shall spring; your posterity shall be very numerous, even as the sands of the sea, and they shall call you blessed, and you shall bless them. Be of good cheer, for thou shalt always have strength according to thy day.

Notwithstanding your enemies may hunt you like a roe upon the mountains yet you shall escape as the bird from the hands of the fowler, and not a hair of your head shall fall, but you shall be sustained in all times and places, and you shall yet converse with the Lord as did the brother of Jared; you shall do the work whereunto the Lord has called you, and that is to establish righteousness and truth. I confer upon you the blessings of the heavens and of the earth; you shall be blest in your family, be able to administer health and life to the afflicted. If you keep humble, which you will, you shall have a fulness of joy, live on the earth many years, even till your head is white as the pure wool or as snow, and your mouth shall continue to speak words of life to thousands and millions of the inhabitants of the earth, who shall rejoice to hear your voice. You shall come forth in the first resurrection, be numbered with the great and good, with Joseph the prophet and seer, and all that innumerable company and the blood washed through [throng] which no man could number

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This is thy lot, brother Brigham, therefore be glad and rejoice for thou canst have these and every other blessing, privilege and mercy thy heart may desire in righteousness. The spirit of God like a river shall be bestowed upon you continually, because you have walked uprightly before the Lord in the days of your youth; you have also past through sorrow and grief, and made sacrifices for the kingdom of heaven[']s sake, therefore all is yours, and I seal them upon you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, even so, Amen.

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